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Port Almanac—February 25.

Sun Rises	6 39 A M
Sun Sets	5 49 P M
Day's Length	11 h 10 m
High Water at Southport	2 37 P M
High Water at Wilmington	4 20 P M

The Weather.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Feb. 25.

Meteorological data for yesterday:

Temperature: 8 a. m., 50°; 8 p. m., 50°; maximum, 58°; minimum, 48°; mean, 53°.

Rainfall for the day, T.; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, 4 54.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., Feb. 25—At 8 a. m. the stage of water in the Cape Fear river was 23 5 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

For North Carolina: Generally cloudy with local showers; slightly warmer in the interior; easterly winds.

OUTLINES.

The Merchants' Exchange building at St. Louis was badly damaged by fire and many business offices completely gutted; loss about $100,000 —— The Ringland House and a dozen business houses were destroyed by fire at Oswego, N. Y. —— Walker G. Hammer, of Lynchburg, Va., undergoing imprisonment for misappropriating bank funds, has had his sentence commuted. —— Several resolutions were introduced in the Senate in regard to Cuba —— The appearance of Hon. Wm. J. Bryan in the House of Representatives evoked applause from many members. —— A sound money league is organized in New York city. —— Mrs. Frances Mansfield Johnson, wife of Col. Richard Malcolm Johnson, the Southern author, died at Baltimore. —— The Postoffice Committee orders favorable report to be made on the nomination of W. T. Anderson for the Norfolk postoffice. —— The United States Government fails to instruct Consul General Lee as to what steps shall be taken regarding certain American citizens imprisoned in Cuba. —— A train on the Southern Railway struck a wagon containing ten persons near Chattanooga, Tenn.; all but one were killed. —— A number of Baltimore canners and packers have been found guilty of violating the Maryland label law requiring that all canned goods shall bear the name and address of the packers. —— Otis Smith, the Atlanta defaulter, says his effort to keep up the gait of swell society caused his downfall. —— It is announced that Turkey will accept the annexation of the Island of Crete to Greece. —— Ohio Democrats will make an effort to secure a free silver United States Senator. —— The Ohio river still continues to rise, and every hour brings news of damage to property and loss of life; electric plants are flooded, schools are closed, and hundreds of homeless people are occupying public buildings. —— J. M. Powell shot and killed C. W. Sloan at Columbia, S. C. —— Representatives of leading railroad and steamship lines in the South and East meet in Richmond and adjust differences. ——New York markets: Money on call easy at 1½@2 per cent., last loan at 1½ per cent., closing offered at 1½; cotton steady; middling 7⅛c; Southern flour was quoted unchanged at quotations; common to fair extra $3 20@3 50; good to choice $3 60@4 00; wheat—spot market was dull and weak; No. 2 red free on board 88⅞c; corn—spot dull and easier; No. 2 29c at elevator and 30c afloat; rosin quiet—strained common to good $1 70; spirits turpentine steady at 28½@29c.

Hanna got Bushnell down. We thought Hanna's maul would fetch him.

Senator Wolcott started for home yesterday from his European bimetallic tour. He has probably had some fun.

The Young Men's Christian Association is 53 years old. It was founded by a dry goods clerk and fourteen other young men. It now has a membership of over half a million and is represented by organizations throughout Christendom.

Joseph Murdock, who disappeared from Kentucky twenty-five years ago, and was supposed to have been murdered, put in an appearance at his old home a few days ago. In the meantime Bud Lindsay, who recently died, served twenty-one years in the penitentiary for killing him.

The Philadelphia *Ledger* says it may be accepted as a certainty that the arbitration treaty will not be ratified by this Congress. Quite likely. As the Cuban matter and the Nicaragua Canal have been turned over to the next administration it is quite proper that this treaty should be.

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The question whether the whale really swallowed Jonah and that the version we have is not merely an allegorical fish story is now being discussed in New York where a noted preacher who took the allegorical side started it. Another preacher supports the scriptural version with a story about a French sailor who was swallowed by a whale and thrown up three days afterwards. We doubt this, for we do not think a modern sailor would sit well on the whale's stomach that long.

Dr. Ruiz, a citizen of the United States, in prison in Guanabacoa, was found dead in his cell and the Spaniards say he committed suicide. Possibly this is so, although his death is said to be the result of brutal treatment. If one-half be true about the brutality of the treatment of persons in Cuban prisons, it would not be surprising that some of them should commit suicide to escape it. Ruiz was some years ago a dentist in Philadelphia.

The New York *Times* publishes an editorial under the heading "If Washington Came Back." It then goes on to tell the lots of things that Washington would see, all of which is so. But if Washington came back, our opinion is that, the way things are running now, he wouldn't tarry long.

The Colorado Legislature is bucking up to the high hat question with a vim. It has passed a bill which graduates the fines from $10 to $50, in proportion to the altitude of the hat, and confiscates the hat. It is surprising to us that some solon didn't offer an amendment to confiscate the woman.

They have a new explosive in England called "cordite." Recent experiments with a sample of 1,400 pounds rattled the country for ten miles around, shattered walls, snapped and tangled telegraph wires and caused the natives to think a volcano was doing some erupting.

It looks as if Peru was the coming oil territory. The oil bearing area in that country is estimated at 7,200 square miles. In Pennsylvania the area covers only 350 square miles.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Y. M. C. A.—Concert.
ST. THOMAS' HALL—Grand Concert.
PETERSON & RULFS—Announcement.

NEW BUSINESS LOCALS.

LOST—Black and tan terrier.
J. R. MARSHALL—Hotel directory.

LOCAL DOTS.

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There and Briefly Noted.

— The funeral of Mrs. Jno. W. Harper will take place this afternoon at 1.30 o'clock at Southport.

— Police Officer Sallings last night arrested Jim McKenzie, colored, for shooting a pistol. McKenzie went into a restaurant and proceeded to have a good time by shooting holes in the floor.

— At the Newbern Fair, Tuesday, Charlie Bobow shot and killed James Henry Washington. Both were colored jockeys or hostlers who were attending the Fair. It seems to have been a plain case of murder.

— The Fire Department was called out in response to an alarm from box 43, Front and Orange streets, this morning at 1 o'clock. The fire, which was located on a flat loaded with wood, was speedily put out.

— The schooner *Bessie Parker* cleared yesterday for St. Johns, N. B. and Halifax, N. S., with a cargo of naval stores, valued at $6,818.00. Vessel by Geo. Harriss, Son & Co.; cargo by Paterson, Downing & Co.

— Wilmington sends a large delegation to the Newbern Fair every day. Among those who went yesterday were Chief of Police Jno. R. Melton, Sergeant of Police R. F. Gore, Police Officer J. F. Huggins and Superintendent of Streets L. H. Bryant.

— Note advertisement this morning of the Excelsior Shoe Store in the Pearsall building, corner of Fourth and Campbell. The proprietors are the progressive shoe dealers, Peterson & Rulfs, and the manager is Mr. Levi McMillan.

— Mr. Wm. E. Worth is attending the convention of the Southern Ice Exchange in Charleston. About one hundred delegates had arrived Tuesday night and many more were expected yesterday. The Exchange meets annually, and it is claimed that it is not one of its objects to "freeze out" consumers.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Pertinent Paragraphs Pertaining Principally to People and Pointedly Printed.

— Mr. W. W. Hodges is on the sick list.

— Mr. Harry Latham has returned to the city.

— Mr. C. E. Borden has returned from Raleigh.

— P. B. Manning, Esq., returned yesterday from Raleigh.

— Mr. P. B. Manning returned from Raleigh yesterday.

— Mr. L. B. Rodgers returned yesterday from a business trip.

— Mr. G. W. Whitehead, of Elm City, was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. A. A. Wells, of Elm City, was a hotel registration yesterday.

— Mr. T. H. Wright left this morning for Winston on a business trip.

— Mr. M. W. Hatton, of Whiteville, was among yesterday's arrivals.

— Mr. J. W. Redman, of Pilot Mountain, arrived in the city last evening.

— Mr. J. M. Simms, of Charlotte, was one of yesterday's hotel registrations.

— Mr. J. A. Cavenaugh, of Long Creek, was here yesterday conferring with wholesale merchants.

— Mr. W. Buckner, route agent for the Southern Express Company, arrived in the city yesterday.

— Mr. R. L. Hinton, a prominent citizen of Jacksonville, N. C., was observed on the streets yesterday.

— Mr. D. M. Roberts, of the U. S. Government boat, the *General Thom*, was one of yesterday's hotel registrations.

— Mr. and Mrs. Richard Turner, who resided in Wilmington thirty two years ago, but now living in New York city, are here on a visit to Mrs. E. Bissinger.

— Conductor H. C. Smith, of the C. F. & Y. V. R. R., came down on that road last evening to make the run to-day for Capt. Will. C. Dodson, who is going to take in the Newbern Fair.

A Wilmingtonian Weds in Durham.

Mr. Charles L. Haywood, of this city, and Miss Zoa Lee Rigsbee, of Durham, were married at the First Baptist church in Durham at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. The ceremony, which was a very beautiful and impressive one, was performed in the presence of a large assembly by Rev. W. C. Tyree, the bride's pastor.

The bride, attired in a handsome going-away gown of blue broadcloth and carrying a bouquet of maiden-hair ferns and bride's roses, came in with her sister, Miss Sallie Rigsbee, as maid of honor. Mr. R. W. Raywood, brother of the groom, acted as best man. The flower girls were little Misses Mary Loomis Smith and Susie Markham; the ushers, Messrs. H. A. Foushee and T. E Clark, of Durham; Mr. W. D. Burns, of Wake Forest College, and Dr. J. M. Ayer, of Raleigh.

Lohengrin's Wedding March on entrance and Mendelsohn's on going out were rendered by Mrs. J. M. Whitted, who also played "Ave Maria," while the ceremony was in progress. The chancel was beautifully decorated with palms, evergreens and ferns, dotted here and there with primroses and calla lilies.

The presents, consisting of cut glass, silver, etc., were numerous and handsome.

Immediately after the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Haywood were driven to the depot, where they took the train for this city, which they will make their home.

Funeral of Mrs. Jno. F. Garrell.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Jno. F. Garrell was held yesterday morning at 10.30 o'clock at Grace M. E. Church, Rev. R. A. Willis conducting the service. The pall-bearers were Mr. C. C. Covington and Mr. A. G. Hankins (honorary), and Messrs. Wm. E. Springer, Wm. Poisson, H. P. West, J. J. Hopkins, Jas. F. Post, Jr. and Col. Roger Moore (active). The interment took place in Oakdale cemetery.

Funeral To-day of Mrs. Sandford.

We announced Tuesday the death of Mrs. Geo. W. Sandford, formerly of this city, at Orange, N. J. Her remains will arrive to-day by the Atlantic Coast Line, accompanied by her husband and daughters, and be carried at once to St. James' church. The funeral service will be held at the church at 3 o'clock p. m. and the remains buried in the family grounds at Oakdale. The notice of funeral appears in another column of to-day's issue.

Assignment.

Mr. B. F. King was forced to close the doors of his grocery store, corner of Third and Castle streets, Tuesday afternoon. The failure of Mr. King is due to a fraudulent transaction of Wilmington's famous swindler, Jno. C. Davis in which transaction Mr. King was a heavy loser. P. B. Manning, Esq., is assignee.

Concert at St. Thomas' Hall.

Friday night, February 26th, will be the time, and St. Thomas' Hall, corner of Fifth and Ann streets, will be the place of a grand concert, advertisement of which appears in another part of the paper. Great efforts are being made to insure a pleasant evening to those who attend.

One Cent a Word.

Hereafter advertisements to go in our "Business Locals" department will be charged one cent per word for each insertion; but no advertisement, however short, will be taken for less than 20 cents

This is a reduction from former rates and it is also a convenience to advertisers who can calculate the exact cost of their advertisements, which must be paid for always in advance.

AT THE TEMPLE OF ISRAEL.

Marriage of Mr. S. A. Schloss and Miss Mamie Bear.

The marriage of Mr. S. A. Schloss and Miss Mamie Bear, daughter of Solomon Bear, Esq., all of this city, took place yesterday afternoon at 6 o'clock at the Temple of Israel, the Rev. Dr. S. Mendelsohn officiating.

Long before the hour named in the invitation cards, the edifice was taxed to its utmost seating capacity by the many friends of the contracting parties who had assembled to witness the ceremony. The interior of the Temple presented a sight that the eye might gaze and feast upon; brilliant lights and glittering jewels that cast their sheen upon rich silk and glossy satin. The floral artist, Mr. John Knight, had exercised the most exquisite taste in the decoration of the wall, pilaster and altar. The evergreen gracefully entwined with smilax and holly, formed symmetrical wreaths looping each other here and there, and studded with the rarest roses. Before the bridal party arrived at the Temple the orchestra—Prof. Jas. Wilson, cornet; Prof. Jos. Bernard, violin; Mr. W. A. Martin, flute; Miss Norma Foster, organist, rendered "The Honey Moon" march. Shortly after 6 o'clock, keeping time to the beautiful strains of the "Bridal Chorus" from Lohengrin, played by the orchestra, the bridal party entered the Temple. First came the ushers, in couples, Messrs. Julius Sternberger, Sam'l Bear, Jr., Isadore Bear, I. M. Bear, M. B. Shrier and Gus Dannenbaum. Next came the groom, Mr. S. A. Schloss, accompanied by his best man, Mr. I. H. Weil. The maid of honor, the bride's lovely sister, Miss Lilly Bear proceeded up the main aisle, followed by the bride, Miss Mamie Bear, leaning on the arm of her father, Mr. Sol. Bear.

At the steps of the altar Mr. Bear relinquished the arm of his daughter to the groom, and the happy couple then passed through the ranks of the ushers, who had formed themselves on each side of the altar, and were married by the Rev. Dr. S. Mendelsohn. After they had been pronounced man and wife the bridal party left the church, Mr. and Mrs. Schloss leading the way closely followed by Miss Lilly Bear, escorted by Mr. I. H. Weil, while the orchestra superbly rendered Mendelsohn's "Wedding March." Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Schloss, accompanied by the bridal party as far as the depot, and who "hurled" rice at their departure, were driven to the A. C. L. 7.15 o'clock train, which they took for an extended Northern tour, embracing New York, Niagara Falls, Washington, Philadelphia and Montreal, Canada. At the train the bride's lucky bouquet was caught by Miss Rosa Shields, of Cincinnati, Ohio. The bride was attired in a handsome cadet blue travelling suit with diamonds. She carried in her hand a large bouquet of bride's roses and maiden-hair ferns, and also wore a cluster of yellow carnations. The maid of honor wore a handsome brown cloth suit and carried a bouquet of orange blossoms, in the centre of which was a large carnation. The gentlemen of the bridal party were habited in the conventional black, with a single white carnation on the lapels of their coats. Among the attendants at the Temple were Mrs. J. Shields, Mrs. M. Mihalovitch and Miss Rosa Shields, of Cincinnati, O; Miss Nellie Schloss, of Memphis, Tenn.; Miss Lilly Silberman, of Atlanta, Ga., and Mrs. I. Harriss and Miss Edna Harriss, of Chicago, Ill.

The festivities of this joyful occasion were held at the hospitable residence of the bride's father Tuesday night, where many invited guests assembled and where a most bounteous repast was served. During the evening Miss Nellie Schloss obtained the ring from the bridal cake, Miss Rosa Shields the thimble and Mr. Geo. Taylor the coin. The bridal presents were rich, rare and almost without number, European, Northern and home markets being extensively drawn upon by the friends of the parties to testify their love and appreciation for this couple, whose estimable and lovely traits of character have endeared them to such a large circle. Among the presents was a very handsome picture sent by the Second Regiment Band, of this city, and also a very handsome present from the bride's uncle, Mr. G. Demelmas, of Boston, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. Schloss will be at home on Ann street, between Fifth and Sixth, after March 14th.

A whist party was given by Mrs. Simeon Solomon at her residence, corner of Seventh and Market streets, last night, complimentary to the visiting young ladies.

Harmony Circle will give a complimentary dance to the bridal party to-night, at their hall.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington & Weldon R. R.—94 bales cotton, 8 bbls tar.

Wilmington, Columbia & Augusta R. R.—12 bales cotton, 7 casks spirits turpentine, 18 bbls rosin, 17 bbls tar, 2 bbls crude turpentine.

Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley R. R.—10 bbls tar.

Matthews' raft—105 bbls rosin.

Culbreth's raft—345 bbls rosin.

Total receipts—Cotton, 36 bales; spirits turpentine, 7 casks; rosin, 468 bbls; tar, 35 bbls; crude turpentine, 2 bbls.

Beautiful Magazine Free.

"Star of the South," Seaboard Air Line's new monthly, will be mailed free on receipt of three cents in stamps to cover cost of mailing, or will be mailed a year for thirty-five cents in stamps. Each issue contains complete stories of love, adventure and heroism, illustrated; descriptive articles on the South's progress; some pages of wit and humor, and articles of general interest. Address, C. Ironmonger, Advertising Agent, Seaboard Air Line, 371 Broadway, New York.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

BILL TO REDUCE PAY OF LEGISLATORS INTRODUCED.

Bill to Allow Cumberland to Fund Bonded Debt—To Prohibit Taking Clams from Brunswick River—To Allow Wilmington Street Railway to Consolidate—To Provide for the Inspection of Coal Mines.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, Feb. 24.—In the House bills were introduced to reduce the pay of legislators to $3 00 a day; to make $4,000 additional appropriation for the colored State Normal School; to allow the clerk of Richmond Court to be absent certain days.

Bills passed to provide a cotton seed weigher for Goldsboro; to allow Cumberland county to fund its bonded debt; to provide that in Beaufort, Columbus and Lenoir counties the commissioners "may" instead of "shall" publish county financial statement; to change the court house of Gaston from Dallas to Gastonia. The bill to turn stock loose three months in Mosely Hall township, Lenoir county, was tabled.

Bills were passed to prohibit taking clams from waters of Brunswick between April 15th and November 15th; to allow Lumberton to issue $20,000 in bonds for waterworks and street improvements; to work Bladen county roads by taxation; to pay judges of election and registrars of Bladen county; that no bills be introduced after March 1st.

Sutton offered an amendment to the bill changing the time for holding courts in the Seventh district, so that the Act goes into effect July 1st. Adopted.

Bill passed to add Beaufort, New Hanover, Bladen, Sampson and other counties to chapter 178, Acts of 1895. This act is known as "Doyle's measurement of logs;" to amend the law regarding the issues of fact in trials; to provide for the inspection of coal mines; to allow the Wilmington Street Railway to consolidate with any railway entering the city; to require the constitutions of the United States and of North Carolina to be read in all public schools.

In the Senate bills were introduced to supply public laws to magistrates; to amend chapters 2 and 5, Laws of 1895; to require a license to carry concealed weapons.

A motion was lodged to reconsider the vote by which the bill relating to fishing with nets in Neuse river was passed.

Bills passed: To make water courses twenty feet wide and eight feet deep a lawful fence; to extend time to compromise, commute and settle the State debt; for relief of the Croatan Normal School, Robeson county; to pay laborers in the House fifty cents additional per day; allowing the clerk of Bladen County Court to be absent Mondays.

Marriage of Mr. B. S. Collins to Miss Lucy Taylor, of Catharine Lake.

At 3.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon Mr. R. S. Collins, of this city, and Miss Lucy Taylor, of Catherine Lake, were happily united in marriage at the residence of the bride's father, Col. S. B. Taylor, Rev. Robert Strange, D. D., officiating.

Miss Grace Rankin, of Asheville, was maid of honor and Mr. W. M. Atkinson, of this city, was best man. Miss Carroll, of Raleigh, was among the attendants.

The young couple arrived in the city via the W., N. & N. R. R. at a quarter to nine o'clock last night and were driven to the home of Mr. James Collins, father of the groom, on Market street between Fifth and Sixth, where a reception was tendered them. They will make Wilmington their home.

Concert Tuesday Night at the Y. M. C. A.

A delightful concert will be given in the auditorium of the Y. M. C. A. next Tuesday night, March 2d, for the benefit of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The following is the programme to be rendered:

Trio (mandolin, guitar and piano)—Mr. and Mrs. Jellison and Miss Taylor.
Piano Solo—Mrs. W. A. French, Jr.
Recitation—Miss Hattie Taylor.
Vocal Solo—Miss Fair Payne.
Piano Solo—Mrs. Clarence Jellison.
Recitation—Minuet (in costume)—Mrs. DuBrutz Cutlar.
Vocal Solo—Mr. Herbert Holden.
Jig—Mr. J. H. Cowan.

Several numbers will be given during the evening on the phonograph.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the Wilmington postoffice February 25, 1897:

LADIES' LIST.

A—Madam Amae. B—Mrs E G Brown, Miss Lizzie Beasley. C—Miss Annie Campbell, Mrs W E Cranford. D—Miss Jennie Dunaweather, Miss Mary Dudley. E—Miss Lillie Edwards. F—Miss Lilla Fletcher. H—Miss Fannie Hammons, Miss France Henry, Miss Hese Hamer, Miss Mettie Harrell. K—Miss Linda J King. L—Miss Annie Lindsery. M—Miss Mamie Moses. P—Miss Tener Prefet.

MEN'S LIST.

A—Redy Alexander. B—Geo Bochman. C—Chas Cole. D—Alex Davis, R B Duer. E—Geo Evans, W C English. G—Geo Green. H—John Hessell. J—Frank Jones. Ned Johnson, Wm Jones. K—Timothy Kelly. M—Harry McNeill, Jas Moore, Edie McDonald. R—Thos J Ramon. S—Warren Stewart.

FROM DEAD LETTER OFFICE.

Lollie Davis, M A Herring, G W Johnson, Adeline McNeil.

Persons calling for above letters will please say advertised. If not called for in fifteen days, they will be sent to the dead letter office.

GEO. L. MORTON, Postmaster.

— The Jacksonville *Citizen* says: "Mr. H. D. Murrill made a shot last Friday that is worth bragging about—he killed three wild turkeys whose total weight was forty-eight pounds. Who can beat it?" If done in a sportsmanlike manner it was a good shot; but if the turkeys were "baited" and shot from a "blind" the less said about it the better.

RALEIGH NEWS BUDGET

"A DAMNABLE DISGRACE TO NORTH CAROLINA"

Is the Caucasian's Opinion of the Legislature—Theo. White Appointed Shellfish Commissioner—Harry Skinner and the Vacant Federal Judgeship—Bolters' Committee Get No Satisfaction from the Governor.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 24.

Comparatively few members of the House went to Newbern this morning, though the special train that left here was well filled.

Gov. Russell appoints Theo. White Shellfish Commissioner. Mr. White is the first of the Populist nominees yet recognized.

The Republican caucus will to-morrow night name a candidate for Railway Commissioner. Dr. Abbott, who is the candidate from the East, has a strong following. Several ballots will be required to settle the matter fully.

One of the Governor's very close friends, who has stood with him on the lease matter, said this morning that he would never appoint Walter Henry Judge. The Governor does not seem to be overwhelmingly impressed with Henry Burns, who received the nomination for Keeper of the Capitol from the Populist caucus. He was inquiring among Governor Russell's friends today to know if his Excellency had any objection to him.

The *Caucasian* this week says the Legislature is "a damnable disgrace to North Carolina."

Walter Henry's bill to give the city of Charlotte a Police Board will be introduced to-morrow. The bill provides that all three parties shall have equal representation on the police and street forces. The finance, park, fire and cemetery departments are not disturbed.

Harry Skinner says he is here to fight for the University appropriation, but the Populists say he is here for another purpose. It is claimed that the Congressman has his eyes firmly fixed on the Federal Judgeship made vacant by the death of Judge Seymour.

Federal Court, which is being presided over by Judge Simonton, was adjourned yesterday in memory of Judge Seymour. The meeting of the bar appointed a committee to draft resolutions in respect to the memory of the deceased.

Otho Wilson, Hal Ayer and the regular Populists cut even a smaller figure than the Democrats these days.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

Speaker Hileman, Fagan and White, committee from bolters appointed to wait on the Governor and ascertain if he would appoint their nominees, were closeted in the executive office two hours. A committeeman announced that the Governor received them pleasantly, but that they failed to obtain an entirely satisfactory answer. The Governor expressed his willingness to appoint the bolters' nominee, but said he was under obligations to Sutton, of Cumberland. The Governor never did state that he would or would not appoint Henry judge. Some bolters were not pleased with the committee's report. One committeeman said the entire matter would be satisfactorily settled to-morrow to all parties.

Senator Lee Person, colored, held up several bills to-day. He and the other colored Senator, Henderson, of Vance, announced that no bills carrying patronage with them shall pass the Senate until negroes are recognized. Person says negroes must have the Eastern Asylum and half of the penitentiary patronage.

THE NEWBERN FAIR.

The Races—The Art Department—Roman Chariot.

[*Newbern Journal.*]

The races yesterday at the Fair grounds were full of interest, with exciting finishes. In the 2 50 class, trotting, Bennett's Rivet won the race after four heats; time, 2.37¼, 2.44, 2.36.

The two-thirds of a mile running, was won by M. A. White's St. Vincent; time, 1.15, 1.15½.

In the 2 35 class, trotting, six heats were trotted, F. W. Foster's Sam Rhea winning; time, 2.33¼.

There is quite a creditable display in the art department this year, and the most of it is from outside of the county. This speaks well for the interest manifested in the Fair throughout the State. Home talent cannot furnish our annual display of entirely new work in this line, and we feel gratified at having the talent of the State interested and in sympathy with us.

One of the prettiest things seen yesterday was the Roman chariot in the parade. Suitably decorated in bright colors, the chariot itself was a thing of beauty, but the lovely mascots who rode therein gladdened the hearts of all who saw them. It was a splendid feature and was justly admired. The young ladies were Misses Annie Green and Rachel Mark.

YESTERDAY'S RACES.

Yesterday's races were as follows: Trotting race, 2.35 class, for a purse of $400; ten entries. Tyrolese, owned by Mr. Wm. Ellis, of Newbern, first; Bird Eye, owned by Mr. R. L. Smith, of Greenville, second; Kitty B, owned by Mr. T. M. Hewitt, of Wyanoke, Va., third.

Running race, for a purse of $150, four entries. Florence Hubert, owned by Mr. G. S. Engelking, of Ashland, Va., first; Dangle Foot, owned by Mr. M. H. White, of Hertford, second; Nilo, owned by Mr. B. Cameron, of Stageville, third.

Trotting race, three-minute class, for a purse of $300; ten entries. Rivet, owned by Mr. Geo. D. Bennett, of Goldsboro, first; Belle Fiske, owned by Mr. W. H. Taylor, of Alexander, second; Josh Quincy, owned by Mr. G. D. Austin, third.

If there is anything you want, advertise for it. Is there anything you don't want? Advertise it in the Business Locals of the STAR. One cent a word. But no ad. taken for less than 20 cents tf

— The New York *Journal's* Cuban dispatch boat *Vamoose* put into Southport yesterday afternoon for coal and water, and we also hear that she awaits orders.

THE MORNING STAR.

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Do you want a first-class daily paper at $5.00 per year, or $1.25 for three months? If so, subscribe to THE MORNING STAR.

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Do not forget that THE MORNING STAR is the cheapest daily of its class in North Carolina. Its price is $5.00, while the published price of others ranges from $7.00 to $8.00.

THE SEYMOUR SUCCESSION.

There Are Many Candidates, But No Probability That Any Democrat Will Get the Place.

[*News and Courier Special.*]

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—In Administration circles it is said that the President will not attempt to fill the vacant Judgeship in North Carolina, because he does not believe the appointment would be confirmed by the Senate. From the same source it is learned that if the conditions were more favorable Walter E. Faison, now Solicitor for the Department of State, would be the nominee.

Mr. Faison has been favorably mentioned in this connection by Secretary Olney, and it is understood the Secretary has urged the President to give the Senate an opportunity to pass upon the name of Mr. Faison. Notwithstanding the general belief that no appointment will be made during this administration, the corridors are filled to-day with the rival Democratic aspirants for the office. A delegation arrived here to-day from Wilmington to urge the appointment of Mr. Rountree. They encountered a hustling delegation here to press the rival claims of the son of State Senator B. F. Aycock and De Witt Stevenson. The hustlers could extract but little encouragement from the interview they had with Senators Butler and Pritchard. Senator Butler frankly informed his visitors that he has no influence with President Cleveland, and Senator Pritchard was non-committal, gently preferring to have an opportunity to bestow the prize upon some one in political sympathy with him.

There has been some gossip as to the possibility of the appointment going to Gen. Ransom or Ex-Senator Jarvis. There appears to be no foundation for the rumor, so far as these two eminent North Carolinians are concerned.

Representative Turner, of Georgia, suggested the name of Representative Woodard to the President, but the question was at once raised whether he can be confirmed or not before March 4th. Mr. Woodard has many warm personal friends in the Senate, but it is doubtful whether the Republicans are willing to yield up anything in the nature of Federal patronage so tempting as a district judgeship.

The only Republican who has appeared in the field thus far is ex-Judge Hezekiah Gudger, who is a distant relative of the late Senator Vance. Judge Gudger was until recently an assistant attorney or law clerk in the Department of Justice. The name of Governor Russell has also been mentioned, but a friend of the Governor stated that there is no authority for the use of the latter's name in connection with the judgeship.

BIG MONEY ON CHICKENS.

The Cocking Main Which is to Begin at the Ten-mile Hill Pits To-day.

[*News and Courier, 24th.*]

Beginning to-day and lasting until Friday night one of the largest cocking mains ever held in this State will be in progress at the Ten-mile Hill pits. The contest will be between the finest bred birds of Atlanta and Athens, Georgia. The birds will be fought during the entire day and some lively events are promised. The birds will be fought for $100 a fight and $1,000 on the odd.

There are many lovers of this class of sport in Charleston, and some of the finest breeds of game cocks are owned in this city. The big main has brought the chicken owners of Georgia across the line in large numbers, and they have brought their money with them. A large contingent of Charlestonians will visit the scene of the contest every day. There will be plenty of betting done, and the Athenians and Atlantians will all have their greenbacks with them on the spot.

The bird owners of Charleston and the neighborhood think that the event will prove the greatest of its kind held in this vicinity for many years.

FUNERAL NOTICE.

The funeral services of the late Mrs. ADELAIDE S., wife of Geo. W. Sandford, of Orange, N. J., will occur this (Thursday) at St. James' Church, this city, at 3 p. m. Interment at Oakdale. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Concert.

THE LADIES OF ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL Church will give a Concert for the benefit of the church at the Y. M. C. A. Hall, Tuesday evening, March 2nd. The people of Wilmington are especially requested to give their patronage in this effort to pay off the debt on St. Paul's. thr sun feb 25 2t

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FRIDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 26, AT St. Thomas' Hall, corner of Fifth and Ann streets, at 8.30 o'clock. The finest local talent will take part, insuring a pleasant evening. Mrs. Jellison will give several selection on the Piano. The instrument for the occasion will be a Kimball Grand, kindly tendered by Mr. Jellison. Admission 25c. feb 25 2t.

Executrix Notice.

HAVING QUALIFIED AS EXECUTRIX of the last Will and Testament of John Maunder, deceased, I hereby notify all persons indebted to my said testator to make immediate payment to me, and those to whom my said testator is indebted will present their claims to me before the 25th day of February, 1898, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. This the 25th day of February, 1897.

MARTHA F. MAUNDER, Executrix.
A. J. MARSHALL, Attorney.
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The Morning Star.

By WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

THURSDAY MORNING, FEB. 25, 1897

WHAT AN EXHIBIT.

A couple days ago we published some extracts from a letter in the Philadelphia *Record* from a Pennsylvania iron manufacturer who was then in Europe looking over the field to see what the opportunities were of increasing our iron shipments to European countries. In closing his letter he remarked that all the American iron manufacturers needed was cheap transportation to compete with the iron manufacturers of England or of any other country. The fact that our iron and steel manufacturers are, even with the disadvantages they have to contend against at present, shipping iron and steel to England and other countries is proof positive of their ability to compete with the manufacturers of those countries, although they have to ship in foreign vessels and pay the charges demanded. As bearing upon this, we clip the following editorial from the New York *Journal*:

"The American mind is generally familiar with the fact that American shipping interests, once so potent on every sea, are in the very last stages of decadence. But the matter comes vitally home with a shock when such an object lesson is presented as that given in Consul-General Penfield's report from Cairo. The Suez Canal did the largest business last year in its history, amounting to almost $16,000,000. Yet not one ship bearing the American flag passed through the canal in 1896, though four men of war and yachts had flown the Stars and Stripes the previous year in transit.

"American commercial interests with the East have grown by leaps and bounds, yet not an American bottom to carry them in! Of course all Oriental traffic must go through the Suez Canal, and it is by the gauge of its business that the relative shares of the different nations in the shipping trade must be determined. Great Britain carried three-quarters of the traffic under her flag, yet it was not many decades since that the American flag put the Union Jack to its trumps and competed with it on every sea.

"The enormous drain to our strength, both commercial and political, by this dreary deficit, in its varied relations to prosperity and prestige, can scarcely be overestimated. It is the legitimate result of the absurd devotion to a home market, which is the basis of protectionist theories and practice. An Englishman's heart is gladdened by the sight of his country's ensign in every port of the world. But the American, to secure even a ghostly share of such a comfort, must carry a miniature flag in his pocket. That, in spite of this lack of the most tremendous of all auxiliaries, we retain our share of the world's trade is a signal proof of the energy and intelligence of American merchants, handicapped as they are by national stupidity. Even now, with free trade and free ships, but few years would roll by without revolutionizing a status which fills every travelling American with a sense of personal disgrace and every thinking man at home with keen regret."

What an exhibit is this. The Suez Canal is now the world's highway between Europe and the East, and of all the ships that last year passed freighted both ways through that Canal there was not one American merchantman. There were vessels owned by Americans but not one that bore the flag of this country. Of all the thousands of vessels of all nations that passed through the Kiel Canal there was not one American merchantman. The flag of the United States was seen a few times on the Suez and a few times on the Kiel, but it was borne by United States cruisers or by American steam yachts, and this is the most progressive and self-resourceful nation on the face of the earth, and was at one time the second maritime nation, with a merchant marine that was bidding fair to place Great Britain in the second rank within a few years, when the civil war broke out and a policy was adopted that destroyed our shipping and made the replacing of it impossible under the conditions that prevailed.

The fact that our merchant marine has disappeared from the seas is admitted because it cannot be denied, and there are various reasons assigned for it by the supporters of the policy which was so instrumental in destroying it. There was ground for some of the reasons they gave, but none for others. It is true that the building of iron steamers, which began in England about 1858, put sailing vessels at a disadvantage, and it was in the building of fast sailers that our American ship builders excelled. It is also true that our American ship builders could not compete with English builders because the high tariff on iron and steel, after the protective policy was adopted, made that impossible, and it is also true that the old shipping laws, which prohibited an American from flying the American flag over a foreign-built ship prevented the purchase of ships abroad, so that between the protective tariff and the shipping laws (which are a hundred years old), our merchant marine disappeared from the seas, and we now have nothing for trans-ocean service save some subsidized steamers on the Pacific, and a few on the Atlantic. The shipping laws, which should have been repealed long ago, are still in force, having been slightly modified to permit to American registry a couple of foreign-built steamers, owned by an American company.

But whatever force there might be in the reasons assigned for the rapid supremacy of England as a ship builder and sailer of ships, the day has gone by when the English ship builder can claim indisputed supremacy and defy the ship builders on this side of the ocean. If our iron and steel makers can ship iron and steel to England and undersell English iron makers, and can ship steel plates to Russia and Japan, they certainly can build iron ships as cheaply as they can be built in England. They are holding back for the purpose of stimulating bounties which will put more money in their pockets, but if the old shipping laws were repealed and they then continued to wait for bounties then American enterprise could go abroad and buy ships, which would soon stimulate home ship building and we would again see an American merchant marine and the flag once more floating on the seas.

MINOR MENTION.

"And the cat came back." That little bolting Pop. minority at Raleigh is getting its back up and is coming back at the Governor with all sorts of threats for his dalliance in appointing the distinguished, hefty and very hungry Walter R. Henry to the judgeship vacated by Judge Meares. Walter has been going around with his mouth wide open and ready to swallow almost any chunk that was pitched to him, and he counted pretty surely on this judgeship, but it seems that the Governor had given statesman Sutton of Cumberland a first lien on it, and that's what's the matter. The Governor cannot toss this bone of contention to Walter without bringing down upon him the maledictions of Sutton's backers, and he can't toss it to Sutton without raising an insurrection among the bolting Pops whose enmity he cannot afford to incur at this stage of the proceedings. If the Governor was a praying man he might pray for some way out of this mix, but as he isn't a praying man and his first cursing performance proved to be a sort of a boomerang, he can't find much comfort in that, and we don't see how he is going to get out of it unless he gets Senator Pritchard to come to the rescue and placate either one of the bone-tusslers with a Federal job. .

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The city of Wilmington is indebted for the defeat of the bill to change her charter more to the failure of the Republicans to agree among themselves than to any consideration they had for her welfare. And doubtless the hostility to the Governor within his own party, which has cropped out to some extent, had something to do with it. If it was a "slam at the Governor," as intimated by our correspondent, we can reconcile ourselves to it, inasmuch as a much more terrible slam at Wilmington was thereby averted. If these infamous schemes to change the charters of our cities were prompted by a desire to promote their welfare, or by an honest purpose to give the masses of the people more power direct we might have some respect for them, but when the purpose is so apparent and so openly admitted—which is to put the cities under Republican rule—it is simply infamous and execrable. That this was the motive in the case of Wilmington was acknowledged by Representative, or rather mis-Representative Sutton, who engineered the bill and had the cheek to declare that there was no opposition to it in the city of Wilmington. In urging the passage of the bill the only reason he gave was that it would put the Republicans in control of the city. We admire his brazen candor, while we despise that kind of pot-liquor patriotism.

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The six great Powers have given Greece to understand that she must evacuate Crete within twenty-four hours, which, of course, Greece will be compelled to do, for little Greece, as plucky as she may be, cannot fight the six great Powers. In consideration of this brutal interference the six Powers will fix up some sort of autonomy for the island, which will still leave it under the dominion of Turkey, the very thing that the Cretans were fighting so heroically against. The sum and substance of this infamous action of the great Powers is that they combine to perpetuate Moslem rule over a Christian people, not because there is any justice at the bottom of it, but because each one of them is actuated by a selfish motive; each one is suspicious of the other, and all are afraid that the outcome of the Cretan affair, if permitted to run its course, might involve them in a tangle with some of the others, and thus through selfishness and cowardice plucky Greece is driven from Crete and Crete remains under Moslem rule. It is infamous.

A New Jersey "meteorologist" and weather forecaster predicts a blizzard for Washington March 4th and that March will be a bad month, with lots of cold and snow storms. We do not know whether he has any spite against McKinley and St. Patrick, but he gives McKinley a blizzard and St. Patrick the biggest snow storm of the winter.

Mr. Hanna "smiled" when Governor Bushnell announced that he would appoint him Senator. He smiled a smile about seven inches long, and then doubtless took a "smile."

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

—Charlotte *News*: Mr. J. T. Withers died at his home Monday morning at 11 o'clock, of pneumonia. He had only been confined to his bed for a few days, but Sunday night he grew suddenly worse and remained unconscious until the last.

—Washington *Messenger*: Mr. Quinerly fatally stabbed Lee Langley, a half-witted negro, in Greenville on February 18th. Lee's actions caused the difficulty, Quinnerly not knowing him. Quinnerly gave $3,000 bond for his appearance at Court.

—Carthage *Blade*: Mr. Kenneth Matheson, of Bensalem township, died on the 5th inst., at the advanced age of 82 years. —— A man was murdered near Vass, in this county, last Friday night, but we have been unable to get any particulars.

—Charlotte *Observer*: News was brought to the city Monday that Mrs. Helms, of Helmsville, in Union county, was killed yesterday morning at the saw mill of her husband, Mr. J. T. Helms. She got caught on the saws and was so badly cut that she died in a few hours. —— Mrs. Brem Campbell, who was so badly burned to-day two weeks ago, at her home in Steel Creek township, died yesterday at 1 o'clock. The untortunate woman suffered agony and death was a great relief to her. —— Mr. Jas. Campbell has a store near the Gingham Mill. Saturday night as he was going home he was run against by two negroes, who knocked him down and robbed him of $105, which he had in his pockets. He had no idea who has assailants were. —— Clarence Helms and Will Owens, white boys of 12 years each, got into a fuss Sunday at the Victor Milll. Helms picked up a stick and hit Owens over the head. The boy fell unconscious and was in that condition until yesterday about noon. The Helms boy was arrested and was not allowed bond until Owens regained consciousness, and until Dr. Wilder thought him out of danger. He was then liberated on $100 bond.

—Asheville *Citizen*: Rev. John C. Collins, of New Haven, Ct., secretary of the International Christian Workers' Association, and J. H. Tucker, Esq., left this afternoon for Raleigh, where they go to secure the passage by the Legislature of a bill chartering "The Mountain Retreat Association," an organization that means much for Western North Carolina and Buncombe county in particular. The chief moving spirits of the new enterprise are a number of prominent Christian men, who propose to establish a settlement for health, rest and Christian fellowship, modeled largely upon the plan of the Methodists at Ocean Grove, where for more than twenty-five years Christian people have a summer resort and place for religious gatherings. The gentle men interested have secured options on about 5,000 acres of land not many miles east of Asheville, and active work is to begin as soon as the charter is granted. About 100 lots have been spoken of. Great religious assemblies are to be held annually in March and April and in July. W. H. Wanamaker, of Wanamaker & Brown, Philadelphia, and several others of those interested are expected to come to Asheville this week.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— If Mr. Searles did not know any more about the sugar business when he first engaged in it than he seems to know now it is very difficult to account for his success.—*Wash. Star, Ind.*

—— The numerous bank failures that occurred last week will enable Mr. Eckels to reward a similar number of gold Democrats. In these times a man's politics may be determined by the bank receivership he holds.—*New York Journal, Dem.*

—— The tariff mongers of the Ways and Means Committee have found it impossible to adjust a specific duty to works of art, such as paintings and statuary, and have therefore imposed upon them the McKinley duty of 15 per cent. ad valorem. Liberal and enlightened nations have overcome similar difficulties by making works of art free of their tariffs. Bpt the shabby pretense for this duty is that American painters and sculptors demand protection from the competition of the artists of Italy, Germany, France and England. Where is the American worthy of the name who would seek to obtain such an advantage at the expense of genius, as well as at the expense of the culture of his own country.—*Phil. Record, Dem.*

"DR. MILES,

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A WIDELY known Wisconsin publisher, who resides at Green Bay, writes March 8th, 1895, as follows:

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TWINKLINGS.

—An Attempt: "How would yo define 'ennui?'" "It's when you're tired of doing nothing and too lazy to do something."—*Puck.*

—In Boston: "We enjoyed our visit to the coal mine very much, mamma. We went down 800 feet in the elevator——" "In the depressor, you mean, Janet."—*Chicago Tribune.*

—Yeast—"Do you believe that story about Samson losing his strength by having his hair cut?"

Crimsonbeak—"Certainly I do; the barbers have many a time made me feel tired talking to me."—*Yonkers Statesman.*

Her Justification: Maud — But why do you encourage him if you never intend to marry him?

Jane—Mercy! I wouldn't be so presumptuous as to tell him I can't marry him before he asks me.—*Philadelphia North American.*

— Delicately Put.—"And how did he die?" asked the lady who had come West to inquire after the husband she had lost.

"Er—by request ma'am," said the gentle cow-boy, as mildly and regretfully as possible.—*Indianapolis Journal*

—"Whatever became of Bigtalk? Did he ever make any progress in his profession?" "Well, I should say so. He began as a circulation swearer, was promoted to a Cuban war correspondent for a New York paper, and now he's the assistant weather clerk."—*Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.*

—"And you asked her father for her hand?" "Yes." "Was he violent?" "Very! He said I must be an idiot to think of such a thing." "What did you reply?" "I told him that, of course, he knew his own family better than I did, but that I was willing to take my chance?"—*Household Words.*

—The doctor looked solemn. Do you walk to your office every morning?" he asked. "No, indeed," answered the patient. "I thought not," returned the doctor in his self-satisfied, superior way. "What you need is more exercise." "More exercise!" roared the patient. "Great macera! don't I have to catch a crowded cable car on the fly every morning! What do you call exercise?"

A POLYGLOT COUNTRY.

Two Towns Where From Seven to Ten Idioms Are Spoken.

Hungary is the basin of the Danube and its tributaries, bounded in a semicircle by the Carpathian mountains. No other country of equal extent possesses the same physical unity. With very few exceptions all rivers of Hungary flow, directly or indirectly, into the Danube, and in prehistoric times Hungary was, indeed, an immense lake, which, by crumbling masses from the Carpathians, has in the course of untold centuries been leveled up to a vast plain. This physical self contentedness of the country designated it, as it were, for a proud and self contented nation. Legion was the number of tribes and people pouring into Hungary through the passes of the north or the plains of the south from the time of Alexander of Macedon to that of Alfred of England. Gepidæ and Goths, Heruli and Alans, Huns and Moravians, Servians and Ruthenians and very many more land seeking tribes essayed to court the love of Hungaria.

The Magyars alone, a Finnish Ugrian tribe, probably from central Asia, entering Hungary by the pass of Vereczke, in the northeast Carpathians, 1,000 years ago, have been able to wed themselves in good and lasting marriage to the country abounding in the treasures of a fertile soil, a varied surface and a benign climate. They alone founded a true nationality and a genuine state. The peoples inhabiting Hungary before the arrival of the Magyars were not so much conquered as relegated by them. They were and always remained what the stately law term of the Hungarian tripartitum (code of law) called them—regnicolæ, dwellers, not citizens proper. As physically, so nationally, Hungary has always been a unit, not a union. Not every aggregate of people speaking the same language is a nation. True, from what we are pleased to call the ethnographic point of view, Hungary offers indeed a most picturesque spectacle of endless varieties of speech, costume, customs and folklore.

There are towns in Hungary, and small towns, too, where from seven to ten idioms are constantly being used. On the Galican frontier there is in a lovely valley the old town of Eperjes. The number of its inhabitants does not exceed 12,000. To this day the good people of Eperjes are in the habit of talking or being talked to in six different languages and several dialects. An ordinary household will include a Slovak manservant, a Hungarian coachman, a German cook and a Polish chambermaid. What is still more remarkable, each layer of society will tenaciously cling to its own language for centuries. A mile or two from Eperjes there are the famous salt mines of Saros. The Low Frisians, who were called there as settlers by the Hungarian kings over 500 years ago, still preserve their old Germanic dialect intact to the present day. The same phenomenon of polyglot communities may be found in very many other towns of Hungary.—Nineteenth Century.

John Understood.

A member of the Foy company, who is a graduate of Vassar, went up into Chinatown to purchase some curios while the company was in San Francisco. A particularly ugly young Chinese was sitting on a little stool behind the counter in a dark and dirty little shop that the young lady entered to buy some punks. As the Chinese was wrapping them up the young woman turned to her companion and said in Latin:

"Isn't he a beauty?"

"Thanks. I'm glad you think so," replied the Chinese in English without glancing.

"Did he understand that?" she asked in French.

"Perfectly," said the Chinese.

The young lady smiled very sweetly and asked:

"Were you ever back east, John?"

"Oh, yes, I was in New York four years," he replied.

"Did you live on Mott street?"

"Oh, no. I lived at the Continental while I was taking the classical course at Columbia."—San Francisco Post.

Sheridan's First Wife.

The accounts of Drury Lane theater were kept by her with irreproachable care and neatness, and so long as she was able to give her time to this task method and order prevailed and prosperity reigned. Moreover, she relieved her husband of the irksome labor of reading the manuscripts of unfledged and presumptuous authors. * * * She never courted or cared for celebrity, whether as maid or matron, the family hearth being always her favorite sphere of influence. * * * Yet there was nothing morbid in her disposition or any unworthy shrinking from her duty in all circumstances. On the contrary, she entered the world of fashion with a grace which was a second nature, and she shone in it with a beauty which was unrivaled and a brilliancy nearly as remarkable. Her love for her husband was akin to worship. He was attached to her with all the romantic jealousy and devotion of a lover.—"Sheridan, a Biography," by W. Fraser Rae.

Wasting Corsets.

If it is necessary to wash corsets, take out the steels in front and sides, then lay them on a flat surface, and with a small brush scrub them thoroughly with a tepid or cold lather of white castile soap. When quite clean, let cold water run on them by holding them under a running faucet until the soap is all rinsed off. Pull them lengthwise until they are straight and shapely and let them dry in a cool place, pulling them again when partly dry.

Cracks in the Floor.

Cracks in floors around the skirting board or other parts of a room may be neatly and permanently filled by thoroughly soaking newspapers in paste made of a pound of flour, 3 quarts of water and a tablespoonful of alum thoroughly boiled and mixed. The mixture will be about as thick as putty and may be forced into the cracks with a knife. It will harden like papier mache, and the floor will be as smooth as when new.

"THE CZARDAS."

"You will surely play tomorrow night, Hensel! How you can refuse I do not see—it is an ugly sprain Fink has in his wrist, and it grows no better. Only you among the first violins can touch the 'Czardas.' Grunfeld is absolutely wild with envy at your opportunity—the opening night, with every seat and box taken, and"—

"Scharf, Scharf, thou art the most lovable rattle brain in all Vienna," said Franz Hensel quietly, smiling meanwhile at the breathless excitement of his friend, the tall, broad shouldered flutist of the Imperial orchestra. "Now will it suffice your big heart when I tell you that this morning I had an interview with the herr director and am in the programme as Fink's substitute for the violin solo of tomorrow night. And let me tell you yet another thing—here you are, garrulous as a magpie, with a rehearsal on for this very hour."

With an impulsive shake of his blond head, an affectionate exclamation and a clasp of Hensel's slender hands in his herculean grasp, the jovial, boyish Scharf took up his hat, and presently the quiet corridors resounded with his springy step and merry whistle.

Franz Hensel and his friend Scharf were the youngest and latest members of that wonderful orchestra which for many years had charmed the hearts of the Viennese. With temperaments most opposite there existed between them a beautiful friendship.

As the door closed upon his friend Hensel walked slowly up and down the room for a few moments and then, moved as by some sudden impulse, he stepped quickly to a table, and opening a violin case which lay upon it looked thoughtfully down at the instrument it contained. Only yesterday he had purchased it in a dim and dusty old shop in the Judenstrasse. Some peculiarity in its shape first attracted Hensel's attention to the violin, then its wonderful resonance of tone. The shopkeeper had also interested him.

He was of an exceedingly grave and gentle demeanor, and with an almost courtly manner. He displayed no willingness to sell the violin—in fact, rather the reverse—and when the purchase was finally concluded he laid the instrument tenderly down in its faded case, looked at it for some seconds and then, raising his large, dark eyes, he fixed them steadily upon Hensel's face for more than a moment. Then, with the single word "Farewell," he disappeared.

So forcibly had the man's peculiar manner and penetrating gaze impressed themselves upon Hensel's mind that on the evening of the same day he went again to the Judenstrasse, only to find the old shop quite deserted, its contents removed and its former tenant gone.

A strong inclination sprang up within him now to use this old violin on the coming great occasion.

Taking up the bow, he ran his long, white fingers along its length, and then, placing the violin beneath his chin, he began to play.

Softly, tenderly, caressingly, the bow glides over the strings. The golden light of the setting sun steals through the windows and falls upon the young man's figure, leaning carelessly against the window frame. On and on he plays until twilight falls. The passersby stop spellbound beneath the windows.

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The stage of the Royal theater is a wilderness of music racks and chairs. It is the waltz between the first and second parts of the magnificent programme of the Imperial orchestra.

The second part is to open with Hensel's violin solo, and the number is the "Czardas."

Only a light ripple of applause greets Hensel as he steps forward, for he is not well known to them. As, however, his bow crosses the strings there falls upon that great audience a silence that is broken only by the strains of the old Judenstrasse violin. Never before did they—never again will they in Vienna or in all the world hear the "Czardas" as they heard it that night. Long, liquid sounds, as of a mournful complaining dying away into sighs. Then, gathering in strength from the tenderest sadness, they spring suddenly into the throbbing, swaying rhythm of that dance which thrills the very heart to keep time to its weird step.

Hensel no longer sees the brilliant house, with its myriads of twinkling lights. It is a wood he sees, where trees are rustling and where all about him are the mysterious sounds of the forest. Hark! Look! There are the gypsies. They are dancing, with their crimson scarfs flying. Nearer and nearer to him comes a beautiful gypsy, with dainty skipping steps. Now he has taken her hand in his, and they are away, away, with flying feet, over the mossy carpet of the wood. Wilder, faster grows the magical music, over the strings flies the flashing, gleaming bow. Now a strain of ravishing sweetness, broken by the wild crash of the tambourine.

On—on, through the dim recesses of the forest. But hark, there is the ominous sound of thunder, the wailing of wind, and a swish of rain beats against them. Pale and cold the beautiful gypsy clings to him. Then comes the hail beating fast and furious against the quivering forest trees and the thunder still mutters sullenly. Then all is darkness.

The vision has faded. Hensel's right arm drops limply to his side. There is no storm, and the thunder is the applause that sweeps over the great theater. The audience has risen to its feet in wild enthusiasm, voices are calling, the roof is ringing with "Bravos!"

The pale and almost affrighted violinist bows and nearly staggers from the stage to the greenroom. Exhausted, he sinks into a chair before one of the large mirrors. What is this he sees? No reflection of himself, but the face and form of a man dressed in the fashion of a century past. The hair is powdered white and in the hand is a violin and bow. It is the face and form of that master musician before whom has bowed an adoring world, and who for many and many years has lain in his grave. The dark eyes, large and sad, look tenderly at Hensel, the mouth smiles gently, the hand is raised and the white fingers beckon him. Hensel rises to follow the vision—ah! There is a sound of hurried steps and the Scharf rushes in.

"Franz, Franz, come with me! The house has gone wild over your playing. They are calling for you. Do you not hear them? The emperor has summoned you to the royal box. Hensel, Hensel, do you not hear me?" And the young man's voice becomes almost a shriek.

But Hensel's dark head has fallen heavily upon the breast of the anguished Scharf, the long, slender fingers that still grasp the bow are fast growing cold. Hensel is quite dead.—London Sun.

A Typical Ouida Heroine.

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English Stubbornness.

English pigheadedness was shown in a recent block of 30 hours on the Grand Junction canal in Northamptonshire, the captains of two barges arriving at a small lock from opposite directions each insisting on going through first. Over 100 canalboats were kept waiting till one of the men gave way by order of the proprietor of his boat.

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QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

Rev. R. C. Beaman, recently appointed by the North Carolina Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South, Presiding Elder of the Wilmington District, has made his appointments for the first round, as follows:

Elizabeth circuit, at Elizabethtown, February 27, 28.

Kenansville circuit, at Kenansville, March 6, 7.

Quaslow circuit, at Queen's Creek, March 13, 14.

Brunswick circuit, at Concord, March 20, 21.

Columbus circuit, Evergreen, March 27, 28.

Whiteville and Fair Bluff, Whiteville (night), March 28.

Waccamaw circuit, Shiloh, March 30.

Magnolia circuit, Magnolia, April 3, 4.

Bladen circuit, at Bethlehem, April 10, 11.

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BAGGING—		
2 ℔ Jute		6
Standard		6¾
WESTERN SMOKED—		
Hams ℔ ℔	12 @	14
Sides ℔ ℔	6 @	7
Shoulders ℔ ℔	6 @	6¼
DRY SALTED—		
Sides ℔ ℔	4½@	5
Shoulders ℔ ℔	@	4¾
BARRELS—Spirit Turpentine—		
Second-hand, each	1 00 @	1 10
New New York, each	1 35 @	1 40
New City, each	1 20 @	1 40
BEESWAX ℔ ℔	25 @	26
BRICKS—		
Wilmington ℔ M	5 50 @	7 00
Northern	9 00 @	14 00
BUTTER—		
North Carolina ℔ ℔	15 @	
N. Y. Dairy	18 @	20
CORN MEAL—		
Per Bushel, in sacks	35 @	40
Virginia Meal	40 @	45½
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle		95
CANDLES—℔ ℔		
Adamantine	18 @	25
Sperm	9 @	10
CHEESE		
Northern Factory	10 @	11
Dairy, Cream	11 @	12
Skims	@	10
COFFEE—℔ ℔		
Laguyra	20 @	
Rio	11 @	16
DOMESTICS—		
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard	@	5¾
Yarns, ℔ bunch	18 @	20
EGGS—℔ dozen	@	10
FISH—		
Mackerel, No 1, ℔ barrel	22 00 @	30 00
Mackerel, No 1, ℔ half-barrel	11 00 @	15 00
Mackerel, No 2, ℔ barrel	18 00 @	25 00
Mackerel, No 2, ℔ half-barrel	9 00 @	12 50
Mackerel, No 3, ℔ barrel	13 00 @	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	5 00 @	6 00
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel	5 75 @	6 50
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ box	3 00 @	3 50
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔	5 @	10
" Kegs	3 50 @	4 00
FLOUR—℔ barrel—		
Low grade	@	3 75
Choice	@	4 00
Straight	4 75 @	5 00
Fine Patent	5 50 @	5 75
GLUE—℔ ℔	7½@8	8½
GRAIN—℔ bushel—		
Corn, from store, bags—White,	45 @	45½
Car load, in bags—White,	42 @	43
Oats, from store	30 @	35½
Oats, Rust Proof	45 @	50
Cow Peas	75 @	85
HIDES, ℔ ℔—		
Green	@	14
Dry	@	16
HAY ℔ 100 ℔—		
Eastern	@	1 00
Western	@	95
North River	@	90
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔	@	2
LARD, ℔ ℔—		
Northern	5½@	6
North Carolina	@	10
LIME, ℔ barrel	1 10 @	1 25
LUMBER (Shipping weight), ℔ M feet—		
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00 @	2000
Rough edge Plank	15 00 @	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00 @	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00 @	20 00
Scant or sap, Boards, common	14 00 @	15 00
MOLASSES, ℔ gallon—		
Barbadoes, in hhds	@	28
" in bbls	@	30
Porto Rico, in hhds	@	25
" in bbls	@	28
Sugar-House, in hhds	12 @	14
" in bbls	14 @	15
Syrup, in bbls	13 @	15
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut, 60d basis	1 75 @	1 85
PORK, ℔ barrel—		
City Mess	9 00 @	9 25
Rump	@	8 50
Prime	@	7 50
ROPE, ℔	10 @	11
SALT, ℔ sack, Alum	@	80
Liverpool	@	85
Ashton	@	90
Ashton, in 100 ℔ Sacks	@	90
SHINGLES, 7-inch, ℔ M	1 00 @	2 00
Common	1 50 @	2 50
Cypress	2 50 @	3 00
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Gran'd	@	5¾
Standard A	@	5¼
White Extra C	@	5
Extra C, Golden	4 @	4½
C, Yellow	@	4
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern	3½@	6
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	5 00 @	14 00
R. O. Hogshead	@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping	@	9 00
Mill, Prime	@	8 00
Mill, Fair	6 50 @	7 00
Common Mill	4 50 @	5 00
Inferior to Ordinary	@	4 00
TALLOW, ℔ ℔	4 @	4½
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon	1 20 @	2 00
North Carolina	1 50 @	2 00

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET,

STAR OFFICE, February 24.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market dull at 25¼ cents per gallon for machine-made casks, and 25 cents for country casks.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1 45 per bbl for Strained and $1 50 for Good Strained.

TAR—Market steady at 90 cents per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market quiet. Hard 1.80, Soft 1.80 per barrel.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, 29½c; rosin, strained, $1.10; good strained, $1.15; tar, $1.00; crude turpentine, $1.10, 1.50, 1.70.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	7
Rosin	468
Tar	85
Crude Turpentine	9

Receipts same day last year—36 casks spirits turpentine, 930 bbls rosin, 80 bbls tar, 00 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 6¾c for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	4¾	cts ℔ lb
Good Ordinary	5¾	" "
Low Middling	6¾	" "
Middling	6¾	" "
Good Middling	7 1-16	" "

Same day last year, middling 7½c.

Receipts—36 bales; same day last year 174.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime; 60@65c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 65c; Fancy, 75c. Virginia—Extra Prime, 45@50c; Fancy, 50c.

CORN—Firm; 40 to 43 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—65@70 cents per bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; Hams, 8 to 9c per pound; Shoulders, 6 to 7c; Sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saps, $1.60 to 2.25; six inch, $2.25 to 3.25; seven inch, $3.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $5.00 to 8.50 per M.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK, February 24—Evening.—Money on call to-day was easy at 1½@2 per cent; last loan at 1½ per cent. closing offered at 1¾ per cent. Prime mercantile paper was 3 per cent. Sterling exchange dull and firm; actual business in bankers bills at 485@485¼ for sixty days, and 487@487¼ for demand. Commercial bills 483¾@484¼. Government bonds were steady; United States coupon fours 113; United States twos 95½. State bonds were dull; North Carolina fours 102; North Carolina sixes 129. Railroad bonds irregular.

Silver at the Stock Exchange to day was firm.

COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK, February 24—Evening.—Cotton steady; middling 7¾c.

Cotton futures closed quiet and steady; February 6 90, March 6 89, April 6 93, May 7 00, June 7 05, July 7 10, August 7 13, September 6 81, October 6 70, November 6 73, December 6 77. Sales 187,900 bales.

Cotton—net receipts —— bales; gross —— bales; exports to Great Britain 2,775 bales; to France —— bales; to the Continent —— bales; forwarded —— bales; sales 1,319 bales; sales to spinners 208 bales; stock 364,488 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 18,845 bales; exports to Great Britain 9,919 bales; to France 4,846 bales; to the

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It's such a narsty habit!"
An then she tuk an burnt my pipe.
Land, how I ketched to grab it!

Wut say? My pipe my own? By Jo!
It's plain you don't know Mary.
She burnt it nigh er month ergo,
Sence w'ich I ain't had nary—

Weal, no more 'n jes a puff er two—
Land sakes! Don't ever tell!—
An a pep'mint lawzenger arterwuds
T' kin o' kill the smell.

Some day she'll ketch me at it, sure.
Lord knows wut she'll do to me!
An so I trimble every day.
Dear sus! The outlook's gloomy.
—J. L. Heaton in "The Quilting Bee."

THE SANDERS GIRL.

"It maybe was that romances comes to pass on the range when I was thar," remarked the old cattleman meditatively, "but, if so be, I never notes 'em. They shorely gets plumb by me in the night."

The old gentleman had just thrown down a daily paper, and even as he spoke I read on the turned page the glaring headline, "Romance In Real Life." His recent literature was the evident cause of his reflections.

"Of course," continued the old cattleman, turning for comfort to his inevitable pipe and inching his chair more and more into the shade of the porch, "of course at sech epochs as some degraded sharp takes to dealin double in a poker game, or the kyards begins to come two at a clatter at faro bank, the proceedin's frequent took on what you all might call a hue of romance, an I admits they was likely to get some hectic myse'f. But, as I states, for what one would brand as clean strain romance I ain't recallin none."

"How about those love affairs of your youth?" I ventured. "They must have existed."

"Which I don't deny," replied the old gentleman between puffs—"that back when I'm a colt in Tennessee I has my flower scented days. But I don't wed nothin, you notice. An even while I'm ridin an ropin at these yere young female persons whom I has in my mind thar's never no romance to it, onless it's in the fact that they all escapes me, an I never do tie one down once.

"Thar was one lady for whom I aforetime yearns, which, if I'd done played my hand plumb through, I reckon now I might have roused out a romance or somethin thrillin. I'd been due to get up agin Jim Gale's gun shore. You sees this yere female weds Jim, an I will say he makes the most restless an s'picious married man I ever encounters.

"But of course I knows my range, an I knows my brand, an as I makes a specialty of payin no attention to Jim's wife after the nuptials his trail an mine never does cross once.

"But, speakin of love tangles, brings to my memory a story which old San Enright onfurls on to us, the same showin that a woman's fancy is rootless an onstable as a proposition.

"'Always copper a female,' says Cherokee Hall one day when Texas Thompson is relatin how his wife maltreats him an rings in a divorce on him down at Laredo. 'Always play 'em to lose. Well, yere, now,' goes on Cherokee as he runs his hand over the h'ar of Faro Nell, who's lookout for Cherokee, 'Nelly, yere, is the only one I ever meets who can be depended on to come winner every trip.'

"'Which females,' says old Sam Enright, who's sottin thar at the time, 'an partic'lar young females, is a heap frivolous nacheral. The sight of a rainbow will stampede most of 'em. For myse'f, I'd shorely prefer to try an hold a bunch of 500 ponies on a bad night than ride herd on the heart of one lady. Between us alls, I more'n half figger the fections of a female is migratory, same as buffaloes used to be before they was killed, an sorter goes north in the spring an south ag'in in the winter.'

"'As for me,' says Texas Thompson, who's moody touchin them divorce plays his wife is makin down at Laredo, 'you can gamble I passes all females up. No matter how strong I holds, it looks like on the show downs they outlucks me every time. Wherefore I quits 'em cold, an any gent who wants my chance with females can shorely have the same.'

"'Oh, I don't know!' remarks Doc Peets, sorter gettin in on what's a general play. 'I've been all through the herd, an I must say I deems women easy people every time. They're a heap finer folks than men an faithfuler.'

"'Which I don't deny females is fine folks,' says Texas, 'but what I'm allowin is they're fitful. They don't stay none. You can both hobble an side line 'em at night, an the first thing that strikes you when you rolls out in the mornin is they're gone.'

"'What do you all think, Nell,' says Doc Peets to Faro Nell, who's perched up on her stool by Cherokee's shoulder, 'what do you all think of Texas, yere, a-malignin of your sex? Why don't you p'int him to the example of Dave Tutt an Benson Annie? They all gets married, an thar they be, caperin along as peaceful as two six shooters on the same belt.'

"'Oh, I don't mind what Texas says none,' replies Faro Nell. 'Texas is all right an on the square. I shouldn't wonder if this yere Mrs. Thompson does saw it off on him some shabby gettin that sep'ration, an I don't marvel at his remarks. But as long as Cherokee yere thinks I'm right I don't let nobody's views about other women pester me a little bit; so thar!'

"'It's what I says awhile back,' interrupts Enright. 'Texas Thompson's wife's motives, mighty likely, ain't invidjous none. It's a heap probable, if the truth is known, that she ain't aimin nothin at Texas—she only changes her mind.

"'Now, about the earliest thing I remem'ers,' goes on Enright, 'is concernin a woman who changes her mind. This yere incident is about the first chicken on the roost of my recollections.

"'It's years an years ago, when I'm a yearlin. Our company is makin a round up at a camp called Pine Knot, in Tennessee, organizin to embark in the Mexican war a whole lot an thin out the greasers.

"'No one ever does know why I, personal, declares myse'f in on this yere embroglio. I ain't bigger'n a charge of powder at the time, an am that limited as to statoo I has to climb on to a log to get on to my pony.

"'But, as I'm tellin, we all comes together at Pine Knot to make the start. I reckon now thar's 500 people thar, as the occasion an the interest the public took in the business jest combs the region of folks for miles around.

"'Thar's a heap of handshakin an well wishin goin on. Mothers an sisters an sweethearts is kissin us goodby, an while thar's some hilarity thar's more sobs. It's, after all, as I looks back'ard, rather a damp than a gay affair.

"'While all this yere love an tears is flowin thar's a gent—he's our captain—who's settin off alone in his saddle an ain't takin no hand. Thar's no sweetheart, no mother, no sister, for him.

"'No one about Pine Knot knows this party much, more'n his name is Bent; that he's captain, with the gov'nor's commission, an comes from way off yander some'ers. An so he sets thar, grim an solid in his saddle, lookin vaguelike off at where the trees meets the sky, while the rest of us is goin about permiscus finishin up our kissin.

"'Ain't he got no sweetheart to wish goodby to him?' asks a girl of me. "Ain't thar no one to kiss him for good luck as he rides away?"

"'This yere maiden's name is Sanders, an it's a shore fact she's the prettiest young female whoever makes a moccasin track in west Tennessee. I'd a-killed my pony an gone a foot to bring such a look of soft concern in her eyes as shines thar oninvited for this yere lonesome gent. I looks over where he's silent an solitary on his hoss.

"'"No," I replies, "he's an orphan, I reckon. He's plumb abandoned that away, an so thar's nobody yere to kiss him or shake his hand."

"'This yere pretty Sanders girl—an I'm pussin agin to state thar's nothin of the long horn about her, pure scorned she was—this Sanders beauty I'm sayin looks at this party by himse'f for a moment, an then the big tears begin to take p'session of her blue eyes. Next she blushes like a flower an walks over to this lone gent.

"'"Mister Captain," she says, raisin her face to him like a rose, "I'm shore sorry you ain't got no sweetheart to say goodby, an because you're lonesome that away I'll kiss you an say adios myse'f."

"'"Will you, my little lady?" says the lonesome gent as he swings from his saddle to the ground by her side, an thar's sunshine in his eyes in a moment.

"'"I'll think of you every day for that," he whispers when he kisses her, "an if I come back when the war's done I'll look for you yere."'

"'The little Sanders girl—she was shorely as handsome as a pinto pony—blushes a heap vivid at what she's done, but looks warm an tender. Everybody lookin on, while the play is some onusual an out of line, agrees it's all right, bein that we all was goin to a war.

"'Now yere,' goes on Enright, at the same time callin for licker all around, 'is what you all will agree is a mighty romantic deal that away. Yere's a love affair gets launched.'

"'Does this lone hand gent who gets kissed by the Sanders lady outlive the war?' asks Texas Thompson, who has braced up an gets mighty vivacious listenin to the story.

"'Which he shorely outlives that conflict,' replies Enright, 'an you can gamble he was in the thick of the stampede, too, every time. I will say for this yere captain that, while I wasn't with him plumb through, he was as game a gent as ever fought up hill. He's one of these sports who fights an goes for'ard to his man. Thar's no white feathers on that sort. They're game as hornets. An bad.'

"'Which if he don't get downed none,' says Texas Thompson, 'an hits Tennessee alive, I offers ten to one he leads this Sanders female to the altar.'

"'An you'd lose a whole lot,' says Enright, at the same time raisin his whisky glass. 'That's what I states when I trails out on this yere reminiscence. Females is frivolous an plumb light of fancy. Now, this captain party comes back to Pine Knot, say about 3½ years later, an what do you all think? That Sanders girl's been married mighty nigh two years an has an infant child as big as a b'ar cub, which is beginnin to make a bluff at walkin. Now, on the square, an I'm as s'prised about it as you be—I was more'n s'prised; I was pained—I don't allow, lookin over results an recallin the fact of that b'ar cub infant child, that, for all her blushin an all her tears an kissin that captain party goodby that away, that the Sanders girl cares a hossha'r rope for him in a week. An it all proves what I remarks, that while females ain't malevolent malicious an don't do these yere things to peerce a gent with grief, their 'fections that away is always honin for the trail an is prone to move camp.

"'But, bless 'em, they can't help it none if their hearts be quicksands, an I libates to 'em again.' Whereat we all drinks with Enright, feelin a heap similar.

"'Whatever becomes of this pore captain party?' asks Faro Nell.

"'Well, the fact about that captain,' replies Enright, settin down his glass ag'in, 'while the same is the merest incident an don't have no direct bearing on what I've been relatin; the fact in his case is he's wedded already. Nacherally after sayin "Howdy?" to the little Sanders girl an applaudin of her progeny, which it looks like he fully indorses that away, this yere captain gent hits the trail for Nashville, where his wife's been keepin camp an waitin for him all the time.'"—Dan Quinn in San Francisco Examiner.

A Mother's Duties.

No matter how good and careful a nurse you may be blessed with, there are three things that it behooves every mother to see to herself. She must bathe her baby every day. She must see that his bowels are regular, and, above all, be scrupulously particular in seeing that all the articles used for the preparation of his food are spotlessly clean. Dirty bottles, sour teats and unclean saucepans are largely the cause of the great infant mortality which is such a disgrace to us as a nation. In several cases the most painful and dire results ensue from a careless nurse feeding babies from dirty bottles and teats that have never been put in water. It is carelessness in this respect that so frequently causes thrush. Faulty as the nurse may be, how much more to blame is the mother, for it ought to be her proudest privilege to herself see after these matters. A careful mistress makes careful servants, and vice versa. It is impossible to expect strangers to be particular if an example of neglect and thoughtlessness is set them.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

His Boasted Freedom.

A man must accept what his employer pays him, pay out what other men charge him, put on the underwear his wife puts out for him, eat what she spreads before him and sleep in the bed the way she makes it. Still occasionally there is talk of a man being free and independent.—Atchison Globe.

She spins, embroiders and paints beautifully.—London Tit-Bits.

The Cry of the Baby.

The meaning of the cry of a baby is a study which will be taken up by some young physicians who will make a specialty of children's diseases.

"Mothers can aid immeasurably if they will," said one of the young doctors. "I was called in the other day by a mother to prescribe for 'something dreadful' that she was convinced her child was suffering from and found it to be too warm clothing and so only discomfort. In the nurse's eyes the only remedy for any indicated discomfort on the part of a child is the bottle. If the baby cries, it must be fed; again, more feeding. If it worries, feed it; if it is sick and nauseated, still offer it milk. It may be too tired from lying on one side, it may be too warm or too cold, or have colic from an overloaded stomach, or a half dozen other conditions may exist which forbid or do not call for feeding, but only this is offered.

"It is the nurse or the mother, whichever is the constant caretaker of an infant, who can learn if she will to distinguish the little shades of meaning in a young child's cry."

It is a fact well known to physicians that the cry of a baby suffering from cholera infantum is very indicative of the progress of the disease. A mother was much surprised to be told by her physician after the death of her firstborn that, as he entered the hall door on the occasion of his first visit to his little patient and heard its cry, he knew there was little or no hope, "for," he said, "that cry is one which rings in a doctor's ears when once he has heard it, and he quickly recognizes it."

This mother found that the little wail of agony rang in her ears, too, for when, several years after, another child suffered from the same disease, its first cry, quickly identified by the unforgetting mother, sent a hurry call to the physician's office.

If the utterance of dumb beasts can be studied and understood, there is hope for the baby, that most helpless of all living nature.—New York Times.

When Should Girls Marry?

A girl should marry when she is capable of understanding and fulfilling the duties of a true wife and thorough housekeeper, and never before. No matter how old she may be, if she is not capable of managing a house in every department of it, she is not old enough to get married. When she promises to take the position of wife and homemaker, the man who holds her promise has every right to suppose that she knows herself competent to fulfill it. If she proves to be incompetent or unwilling, he has good reason to consider himself cheated. No matter how plain the home may be, if it is in accordance with the husband's means and he finds it neatly kept and the meals (no matter how simple) served from shining dishes and clean table linen, that husband will leave his home with loving words and thoughts and look ahead with eagerness to the time when he can return.

Let a young woman play the piano and acquire every accomplishment within her power, the more the better, for every one will be that much more power to be used in making a happy home. At the same time, if she cannot go to the kitchen, if necessary, and cheerfully prepare just as good a meal as any one could with the same material, and serve it neatly after it is prepared, she had better defer her marriage until she learns. If girls would thoroughly fit themselves for the position of intelligent housekeepers before they marry, there would be fewer discontented, unhappy wives and more happy homes.—New York Ledger.

A Valuable Prescription.

Editor Morrison, of Washington, Ind., "Sun," writes: "You have a valuable prescription in Electric Bitters, and I can cheerfully recommend it for Constipation and Sick Headache, and as a general system tonic it has no equal." Mrs. Annie Stehle, 2025 Cottage Grove ave., Chicago, was all run down, could not eat nor digest food, had a backache which never left her and felt tired and weary, but six bottles of Electric Bitters restored her health and renewed her strength. Prices 50 cents and $1.00 a bottle. Get a bottle at R. R. BELLAMY'S Drug Store. †

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SCHEDULE IN EFFECT FEB. 6, 1897.
DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTHBOUND.

DAILY 9.35 A M — No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 10.39 a m, Warsaw 11.11 a m, Goldsboro 12.01 a m, Wilson 12.46 p m, Rocky Mount 1.20 p m, Tarboro 2.50 p m, Weldon 3.30 p m, Petersburg 3.54 p m, Richmond 5.50 p m, Norfolk 6.05 p m, Washington 11.10 p m, Baltimore 12.50 a m, Philadelphia 3.40 a m, New York 6.55 a m, †Boston 8.00 p m.

DAILY 7.15 P M — No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.05 p m, Warsaw 9.10 p m, Goldsboro 10.10 p m, Wilson 11.06 p m, †Tarboro 0.45 a m, Rocky Mount 11.55 p m, Weldon 1.44 a m, †Norfolk 10.30 a m, Petersburg 3.34 a m, Richmond 4.30 a m, Washington 7.41 a m, Baltimore 9.05 a m, Philadelphia 11.05 a m, New York 12.03 p m, Boston 6.30 p m.

SOUTHBOUND:

DAILY 5.05 P M — No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 6.32 p m, Chadbourn 8.54 p m, Marion 9.05 p m, Florence 9.40 p m, Sumter 8.45 p m, Columbia 12.05 p m, Denmark 6.30 a m, Augusta 8.10 a m, Macon 11.00 a m, Atlanta 12.15 p m, Charleston 10.30 p m, Savannah 12.30 a m, Jacksonville 7.30 a m, St. Augustine 10.30 a m, Tampa 5.40 p m.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.45 P M — No. 49—Passenger—Leave †Boston 1.00 p m, †New York 9.00 p m, Philadelphia 12.05 a m, Baltimore 3.50 a m, Washington 4.50 a m, Richmond 9.05 a m, Petersburg 10.00 a m, Norfolk 8.40 a m, Weldon 11.50 a m, Tarboro 12.12 p m, Rocky Mount 12.40 p m, Wilson 1.34 p m, Goldsboro 3.10 p m, Warsaw 4.09 p m, Magnolia 4.16 p m.

DAILY 9.30 A M — No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 7.15 night, New York 9.30 a m, Philadelphia 12.00 p m, Baltimore 3.55 p m, Washington 5.45 p m, Richmond 7.30 p m, Petersburg 8.19 p m, †Norfolk 9.30 p m, Weldon 9.45 p m, †Tarboro 8.05 p m, Rock Mount 8.45 p m, leave Wilson 8.30 a m, Goldsboro 7.03 a m, Warsaw 7.53 a m, Magnolia 8.05 a m.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 12.35 p m — No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 9.35 a m, Sanford 8.19 p m, Jacksonville 7.00 p m Savannah 12.45 night, Charleston 5.30 a m, Columbia 5.50 a m, Atlanta 7.15 a m, Macon 9.00 a m, Augusta 2.45 p m, Denmark 4.55 p m, Sumter 6.45 a m, Florence 8.55 a m, Marion 9.34 a m, Chadbourn 10.35 a m, Lake Waccamaw 11.06 a m.

†Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 4.10 p m, Halifax 4.56 p m, arrive Scotland Neck 5.30 p m, Greenville 6.37 p m, Kinston 7 55 p m. Returning, leaves Kinston 7 50 a m, Greenville 8.51 a m, Arriving Halifax at 11 02a m, Weldon 11.45 a m, daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 6.30 a m and 3.00 p m, arrive Parmele 9.10 a m and 5.40 p m returning leaves Parmele 10.10 a m and 6.30 p m, arrives Washington 11.35 a m and 7.30 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily at 5.30 p m, arrives Plymouth 7.50 p m. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily at 7.40 a m, Arrive Tarboro 10.05 a m.

Train on Midland N C Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7 10 a m; arrive Smithfield, N. C., 9 05 a m. Returning, leaves Smithfield 9 00 a m, arrive Goldsboro, N. C., 10 55 a m.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4.30 p m, arrives Nashville 5.05 p m, Spring Hope 5.35 p m. Returning leaves Spring Hope 7 a m, Nashville 7.30 a m; arrive Rocky Mount 9 00 a m, daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leaves Warsaw for Clinton Daily except Sunday at 11.15 a m and 4.10 p m; returning leave Clinton at 7.30 a m. and 5.00 p m.

Florence Railroad leave Pee Dee 9.10 a m, arrive Latta 9.30 a m, Dillon 9 48 a m, Rowland 10 00 a m, returning leaves Rowland 5 30 p m, arrives Dillon 5.50 p m, Latta 6.09 p m, Pee Dee 6.30 p m, daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub at 6.30 a m, Chadbourn 10.40 a m, arrive Conway 1.00 p m, leave Conway 2 25 p m, Chadbourn 5.30 p m, arrive Hub 6.00 p m, Daily except Sunday.

Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 6 48 p m, Manning 7.10 p m, arrive Lane's 7 48 p m, leave Lanes 8.06 a m, Manning 9.05 a m, arrive Sumter 9.35 a m. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lanes 9.30 a m, 7.10 p m, arrive Georgetown 12 m, 8.30 p m, leave Georgetown 7 a m, 3 p m, arrive Lanes 8.35 a m, 5.35 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Cheraw and Darlington Railroad leave Florence daily except Sunday 8 55 a m, arrive Darlington 9 05 a m, Cheraw 10 40 a m. Wadesboro 2 30 p m, leave Florence daily except Sunday 5.10 p m, arrive Darlington 6.40 p m, Hartsville 9 15 p m, Bennettsville 9 56 p m, Gibson 10 p m. Leave Florence Sunday only 9 a m, arrive Darlington 9.37 a m, Hartsville 10.10 a m.

Leave Gibson daily except Sunday 6 15 a m, Bennettsville 6 41 a m, arrive Darlington 7 40 a m. Leave Hartsville daily except Sunday 6 30 a m, arrive Darlington 7 15 a m, leave Darlington 7 45 a m, arrive Florence 8 15 a m. Leave Wadesboro daily except Sunday 3 p m, Cheraw 5 15 p m, Darlington 6 27, p m, arrive Florence 6 55 p m. Leave Hartsville Sunday only 7 a m, Darlington 7 45 a m, arrive Florence 8 10 a m.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 3.05 p m, 11.15 p m, arrive Selma 3.50 p m, Smithfield 5.55 p m, Dunn 6.35 p m, Fayetteville 4.15 p m. 1.10 a m. Rowland 5.55 p m, returning leave Rowland 10.00 a m, Fayetteville 11.40 a m, 10.50 p m, Dunn 12.07 a m, Smithfield 12.45 p m, Selma 1.00 p m, arrive Wilson 1.42 p m, 12.10 a m.

Manchester & Augusta Railroad train leaves Sumter 4 00 a m, Creston 5 01 a m, arrive Denmark 6 05 a m. Returning leave Denmark 4 05 p m, Creston 5 07 p m, Sumter 6 40 p m. Daily.

Pregnalls Branch train leaves Creston 5 45 a m, arrive Pregnalls 9.15 a m, Returning leaves Pregnalls 10 p m, arrives Creston 8 50 p m. Daily except Sunday.

Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliott 11.10 a m and 7.45 p m, arrive Lucknow 1 p m and 8.45 p m, Returning leave Lucknow 6 05 a m and 2.00 p m, arrive Elliot 8.35 a m and 3.30 p m.

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W., N. & N. Railway.

In Effect Sunday, May 17, 1896
DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.

NORTH BOUND		STATIONS.	SOUTH BOUND	
*6	†6		*7	35
A M	P M	—WILMINGTON—	P M	P M
	3 00	Lv...Mulberry street...Ar	12 40	
7 00	3 10	Lv...Surry street...Ar	12 30	8 05
9 50		Ar...Jacksonville...Lv		12 05
11 00	5 55	Lv " Ar	10 45	10 35
11 30	6 20	Lv...Maysville...Lv	10 05	9 15
12 30	7 44	Lv...Pollocksville...Lv	9 05	8 10
1 30	8 37	Ar...Newbern...Lv	8 20	6 50
	P M		A M	

Nos. 5 and 6 mixed trains.
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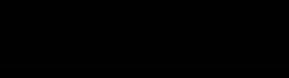

In Effect Wednesday, May 27th, 1896.

GOING EAST.		STATIONS.	GOING WEST.	
2 Passenger Daily Ex Sunday.			4 Passenger Daily Ex Sunday.	
Arrive	Leave		Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	4 00	Goldsboro	11 25	.....
.....	4 13	Kinston	10 39	.....
5 15	5 30	Newbern	9 17	9 30
6 37	6 42	Morehead City...	8 01	8 07
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11 30 a m, and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 3.30 p. m., and with W. N. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 2 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 5.00 p. m., and with W. & W. train from the North at 5.05 p. m. No. 2 train also connects with W. N. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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SCHEDULE IN EFFECT FEB. 7, 1897.

WESTWARD.

	No. 41.	No. 403.
Leave Wilmington	*3 20 p m	.....
Leave Lumberton	5 25 p m	.....
Leave Maxton	6 1 p m	.....
Leave Laurinburg	6 23 p m	.....
Arrive Hamlet	6 51 p m

The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

THURSDAY MORNING, FEB. 25, 1897

A ST. LOUIS FIRE.

Merchants' Exchange Building Damaged—Many Business Offices Gutted—Loss About $100,000—Fully Insured.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 24.—Shortly after 2 o'clock this morning fire was discovered in one of the elevator shafts of the Merchants' Exchange building and before the flames were gotten under control the top floor of the building, together with its numerous offices, were destroyed, entailing an estimated loss of about $100,000. The flames worked their way to the top of the building and in less than an hour the entire eastern roof of the structure was in ruins. The upper floors of the building were occupied by the St. Louis Clearing House Association and a number of commission firms. Those offices were completely gutted. The fire worked downward to the fourth and third floors, but the firemen managed to confine the flames to the northeast portion of the building. The immense trading hall was protected from the flames, but was badly damaged by the immense quantity of water poured in on the upper floors. At 4 o'clock the fire was under control.

In addition to the loss of the Clearing House Association the following firms are the principal losers: Orthwein Commission Company, E. B. Eno, Schulette Commission Company, Samuel Verdier, E. M. Taylor, Acme Commission Company, F. C. Moseley, Grain and Elevator Company, P. P. Williams' Grain Company, Keller Bros., C. H. Aloerts, J. M. Mullally Commission Company, Seaboard Air Line offices, Langberg Bros., Dean & Co., and Brinson-Judd Grain Company.

The fire was caused by defective electric light wires in the elevator shaft.

President Landenberg, of the Exchange, stated that business will be suspended for a few days until the Exchange can find temporary quarters for business. The books of the Clearing House Association were in the large sales, and consequently the records are intact. The loss is fully insured.

SPOTS AND FUTURES.

New York Sun's Review of the Cotton Market—Movement at Interior Towns.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 24.—Semi-weekly movement at the thirteen leading interior towns in 1897 shows: Receipts, 20,903 bales; shipments, 31,331; stock, 316,716. In 1896—Receipts, 16,483, shipments, 30,154; stock, 330,376. In 1895—Receipts, 41,795; shipments 47,595; stock, 337,053.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—The *Sun* says: Spot cotton here was unchanged, with sales of 1 116 bales for export and 908 for spinning. The trading was moderately active, but the fluctuations in prices were confined within a narrow range. At the opening prices declined slightly. The Liverpool news was disappointing and tired holders sold. March notices for about 25 000 bales were circulated, but were quickly stopped. Towards the close the market became firmer by the buying of some of the early sellers, and at the last prices in the general list showed a net advance for the day. Liverpool was a small buyer here, but the trading was almost wholly local and of a switching character. There was a fair demand for spot cotton, the Southern markets were firm, the exports from the ports were liberal, the receipts were small, and the estimates for New Orleans and Houston to-morrow were light.

GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Wheat, Corn and Oats Lower—Provisions Higher.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—May wheat opened from 75 to 75⅛c, sold between 75⅛ and 73⅜c, closing at 74@74⅛—1⅛@1⅜c under yesterday. Cash wheat was weak and 1c per bushel lower.

May corn opened at 24⅜c, sold between 24⅛ and 24¼c, closing at the inside, ¼c under yesterday. Cash corn was ½c lower for No. 4, but other grades were steady.

May oats closed ¼@⅜c lower than yesterday. Cash oats were ¼c lower.

Provisions—A fair improvement in product prices was quotable, but the trade was certainly devoid of interest or activity. First reports from the hog market gave an advance of five cents and subsequent ones added another five cents. This was the consideration affecting product. May pork closed 10c higher, May lard 10@12½c higher, May ribs 5@7½c higher.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, February 24.—Rosin quiet; strained common to good $1 70. Spirits turpentine steady at 28½@29c.

CHARLESTON, February 24.—Spirits turpentine dull at 26c; sales — casks. Rosin quiet; sales of — barrels: A, B, C, D, E $1 35, F $1 40, G $1 45, H $1 50, I $1 60, K $1 70, M $1 80, N $1 85, W G $1 90, W W $2 05.

SAVANNAH, February 24.—Spirits turpentine opened firm at 26c, with sales of 657 casks; closed firm at 26¼c, with further sales of 108 casks; receipts 118 casks. Rosin firm; sales 3,000 barrels; receipts 1,600 barrels: A, B, C, D, E, F $1 45, G $1 50, H $1 60, I $1 70, K $1 80, M $1 85, N $1 90, W G $1 95, W W $2 15.

Mrs Frances Mansfield Johnson, wife of Col. Richard Malcolm Johnsys' Southern author, died yesterday at her residence in Baltimore. Death was due to a complication of diseases. Mrs Johnson was born in Sparta Ga, in 1829, and was the daughter of Eli Mansfield, a prominent merchant of that town, formerly a resident of New Haven, Conn.

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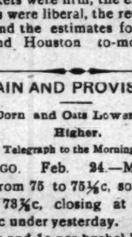

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CONGRESS YESTERDAY.

CUBA COMES TO THE FRONT IN THE SENATE.

Resolutions Concerning Treatment of Americans by Spanish Authorities—Hon. Wm. J. Bryan's Appearance on the Floor of the House Evoked Applause—Message from the President.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The Senate met at 11 o'clock this morning, and will continue to meet at that hour during the rest of the session.

An effort was made by Mr. Nelson, of Minnesota, Republican, to have a time fixed for taking a vote on the Bankruptcy bill, but unanimous consent was necessary, and that could not be had.

Cuba came to the front at the outset of the day's business. Mr. Allen, of Nebraska, Populist, offered the following resolution, and asked for its immediate consideration:

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Senate that the President should speedily and effectually protect the lives and liberties of peaceable American citizens residing or sojourning in Cuba, and that he should promptly insist that Spain, in her war against her colonists on the island, should conduct the same on the principles of civilized warfare, eliminating all unusual and unnecessary cruelty and barbarity; and for the enforcement of these reasonable and just requirements United States battleships should be sent without delay to Cuban waters.

Objection to the immediate consideration of the resolution was made by Senators Gray, of Delaware, Democrat, and Quay, of Pennsylvania, Republican, and it went over until to-morrow.

Mr. Hill offered another resolution on the same general subject and it was agreed to without question. It is as follows:

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be and he hereby is requested to transmit to the Senate, either in open or secret session, as he may prefer, all the correspondence and reports of the Consul General of the United States at Havana relating to all American citizens now in prison in the island of Cuba, not previously reported on.

The third and most important proposition on the subject of the war in Cuba was presented by Mr. Morgan, who said that he had been instructed by the Committee on Foreign Relations to report a joint resolution "demanding the release of Julio Sanguilly, an American imprisoned in Cuba." As it was in his own writing, he read it to the Senate, as follows:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That the Government of the United States demand the immediate and unconditional release of Julio Sanguilly, a citizen of the United States imprisoned under charges pending against him in the military and civic courts of Cuba, on alleged grounds of rebellion and kidnapping, contrary to the treaty rights of each of said Governments and in violation of the law of nations. And the President of the United States is requested to communicate this resolution to the Government of Spain and to demand of that Government such compensation as shall be deemed just for the imprisonment and sufferings of Julio Sanguilly.

"The committee thought," Mr. Morgan continued, "that it was its duty to request the earliest action on this joint resolution. And inasmuch as some members of the committee were absent at the time, the resolution was ordered to be reported. I give notice and call the attention of the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations to it, that I will move to-morrow morning to take up the joint resolution for action."

Mr. Sherman, chairman of the Relations Committee, said: "The resolution was agreed to unanimously by the committee. I have no objection whatever to letting it go over till to-morrow and I hope that the Senate will then act upon it." The joint resolution went over till to-morrow.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The appearance of William Jennings Bryan, the Democratic candidate for President last Fall, upon the floor of the House was the most noticeable event of to-day's session. He has the entree of the floor as an ex-member, and came into the hall at 4 30 o'clock, about an hour after his arrival in the city. His appearance evoked applause from many members, a few of whom gave vocal expressions to their pleasure. From his old seat he responded to the greetings of his friends and acquaintances, his face beaming with smiles. Among those who shook his hand was Gen. Grosvenor of Ohio, Republican, the most prominent Republican who extended a welcome to the late Democratic leader. Before leaving the hall Mr. Bryan paid his respects to Speaker Reed.

The conference report upon the bill to define the rights of purchasers of the property of the Atlantic & Pacific Railroad Company was agreed to.

A message was received from the President transmiting the report of the joint commission appointed under the agreement of the United States and Great Britain in 1892 on the fisheries of the waters contiguous to the United States and Canada.

At 5 o'clock the House adjourned.

SOUND MONEY LEAGUE

Organized in New York City—Officers Elected.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Over one hundred men, representing the chief cities and nearly all the States in the Union, met in the Chamber of Commerce today to organize permanently a sound money league. Henry Hentz, vice president of the Chamber, welcomed the delegates and disclosed the reason of the move in referring to the activity of free silver advocates.

A constitution was reported, providing for a president and vice president, with secretaries, treasurers and an executive committee of nine, all to hold office until April 1, 1898.

The following officers were elected: President, Geo. E. Leighton, of St. Louis; Treasurer, E. B. Hepburn, of New York; Secretary, E. N. Smalley, of New York.

COMMUTED

The Sentence of a Defaulting Cashier, of Lynchburg, Va.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The case of Walker G. Hammer, a bank cashier, formerly of Lynchburg, Va., who is under sentence of imprisonment for misappropriating bank funds, is under consideration by the President. The result has not been officially given out, but it is known that the sentence has been commuted to four years, with all allowances for good behavior. The details of the pardon will probably be given out to-morrow.

In the New York dry goods market yesterday the jobbing trade was fairly active. Prices continue steady in all departments and without quotable change.

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GREECE AND THE POWERS.

TURKEY WILL AGREE TO ANNEXATION OF THE ISLAND.

Notice Served on Greece to Evacuate—Five Hundred Turks Killed in the Engagement Friday—Greek Papers Urge the Withdrawal of the Greek Army.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

CANEA, Feb. 24.—The foreign vice consuls at Retimo announce that the Turks declare that they will accept annexation of the island of Crete to Greece. The announcement has caused a great sensation.

VIENNA, Feb. 24.—Greece has been ordered by the Powers to evacuate Crete at once. This action is the result of a circular note recently sent to the Powers by the Government of Russia requesting them to join in a demand that the Sultan authorize the Powers to act jointly in the pacification of Crete and the organization of a system of autonomy for the island, retaining the integrity of the Turkish Empire. The assent of the Powers to this proposal having been obtained, the notice to Greece to evacuate followed.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 24.—Dispatches have been received by the Turkish Government saying that 600 Greek troops, with three guns and a large supply of ammunition have been landed at Chersonesus, in the province of Candia, Island of Crete. The Greeks were directed by an insurgent leader.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—The *Daily News* to-morrow will say that the statements to be made in Parliament by Lord Salisbury and Mr. Balfour regarding the Cretan situation are to the effect that the Powers have agreed to Lord Salisbury's proposal and have decided to liberate Crete from direct Turkish rule.

The *Standard* to-morrow will publish an Athens dispatch saying it is stated there upon good authority that the Greek Government rejects the proposals of the Powers to establish autonomy in Crete and proposes to persevere in the policy adopted by King George. The dispatch also says that the official report of the engagement which took place outside of Canea on Friday last states that 500 Turks were killed and 105 captured.

ATHENS, Feb. 24.—Two of the most influential newspapers of the city, the *Akropolis* and the *Nea Nemera*, urge that in response to the demands of the Powers the Greek army be withdrawn from Crete. Greece, the papers say, has done her utmost and has gone even to the limit of daring.

THE RISING WATERS.

Every Hour Brings News of Damage in Suburban Towns—Hundreds of Homeless People Occupying Public Buildings—Trains Delayed—Loss of Life.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 24.—The Ohio river is still rising at the rate of two inches an hour, which has been the rate for the past twelve hours. At 8 o'clock to-night fifty-eight feet four inches was the stage. Although the river is falling at Pittsburg, it will take until Friday or Saturday for the crest of the rise to pass here under the most favorable circumstances.

HUNTINGTON, W. VA., February 24.—The Ohio river is still rising and the water is five feet deep on several of the avenues. In Central City this evening a number of residences located in the west end were washed away by a strong current, and every hour brings news of startling damages in all suburban towns. Electric plants are flooded, schools are closed, and hundreds of the poor are occupying public buildings. No trains have arrived on the Norfolk & Western for four days and none over the Ohio River Railroad for twenty-four hours.

LOUISVILLE, KY., Feb. 24.—Reports of loss of life in the Eastern Kentucky flood continue to come in. James M. Morgan, wife and child were drowned in Floyd county by the overflowing of Beaver creek, which destroyed their home. Elder Morton, a Mormon missionary, was drowned near Mount Elkhorn. An unknown woman was drowned in Leslie county, and in Jackson county Henry Holcomb lost his life while trying to ford a stream. At Barboursville the Cumberland river has forced a third of the population to move out. The Ohio is expected to come to a stand here to-night.

NEWBERN FAIR.

The Day an Ideal One For Racing—Entries and Winners.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 25.—A special to the *Tribune* from Newbern, N. C., says: To-day was an ideal one for racing. The incident of the day was the last heat in the first race, when the judges gave Tyrolese first place over Kitty B., stating that Kitty B. and Bird Eye fouled Tyrolese. The decision was freely hissed. Hewitt, owner of Kitty B., entered protest against the decision and demanded the purse and new judges for to-morrow.

First heat in 2 35 class, one mile trotting race, best two out of three, resulted as follows: Kitty B. first, Bird Eye second, Myrtle Reak third, Baron Wood fourth, Tyrolese fifth.

Second heat, Bird Eye won; Tyrolese second, Kitty B. third.

Third heat, Tyrolese first, Kitty B. second, Baron Wood third.

Tyrolese, in fourth heat, won, Baron Wood second, Bird Eye third.

Fifth heat, Bird Eye won, Tyrolese second, Kitty B. third.

Sixth heat, Kitty B. won, Bird Eye second, Tyrolese third. (This is the heat which was reversed and given to Tyrolese.) Best time in fourth heat, 2 30¾.

In the second trotting race, three minute class, but two in three, Rivett, winner in yesterday's race, took three straights; Belle Fisher, Josiah Quincy and Calla Lily second, third and fourth respectively, in each heat. Best time in second heat, 2.37.

NORFOLK POSTMASTER.

W. T. Anderson to Be Favorably Reported to the Senate.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The nomination of W. T. Anderson, of Norfolk, Va., to be postmaster at that place, was ordered to be favorably reported to the Senate by the Postoffice Committee today. Charges had been preferred before the committee against Mr. Anderson, in which it was asserted that he had hindered voting in some of the colored wards of that city. Col. Lamb, chairman of the Republican Committee, did not appear before the committee to back up the charges. Mr. Anderson and his friends were present and denied the charges. On the failure of Col. Lamb to appear, the committee accepted Mr. Anderson's evidence and ordered the report to be made.

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THE ATLANTA DEFAULTER.

Otis Smith Tells the Cause of His Downfall—Was in the Swim and Had to Have Cash to Keep Up Appearances.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ATLANTA, Feb. 24.—Otis Smith, cashier of the Georgia Security and Trust Company, who is in jail for embezzling $10,000, says his effort to keep up the gait of swell society here caused him to go wrong. Talking in his cell today to a reporter he said:

"I did not at first intend to defraud any one. I was in the swim and it took cash to keep in the tide. I do not like to arraign society, but I am forced to talk about it when I discuss the real cause of my downfall. I have been asked why I did not go along and do the best I could on my legitimate income, which was about $1,200 a year. But it takes money to hold a place in society in Atlanta. If you do not put up the stuff you are not appreciated. So long as you pay for the fun you are a king bee, but the moment you do not get in the push with the cash you are nobody. I was in the push and I had to get money to hold my own. It took money to pay for the theatre parties, germans, suppers, flowers and other presents, and I was like the fellow who had hold of a galvanic battery, I could not let it go. After I once started I had to keep it up or I was lost.

"There is nothing real or tangible in this society business," he continued. "There is no genuine friendship. You are appreciated for what you do in the way of entertaining and giving pleasure. The fellow who comes to the front with the most in the way of giving the girls a nice time is the biggest man in the ring. Let him slack up and he is soon in the background; but, as I said, I have no arraignment to make of Atlanta society. I paid my way and it gave me the best it had."

RAILROAD MATTERS.

Representatives of Railroad and Steamship Lines Meet and Adjust Differences.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RICHMOND, VA., Feb. 24.—The Eastern apportionment committee, composed of representatives of the larger railroad and steamship lines in the South and East, held a meeting here to-day and some disagreements as to freight rates which had arisen among several of the lines in the Southeastern Freight Association were amicably adjusted.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. Thomas David, of the Southern States Freight Association, and there were present, besides him, Messrs. G. T. Newberry, of the Old Dominion Steamship Company; J. McDuffie, of the Georgia & Alabama Railroad; R. P. Carpenter, F. B. Price and J. H. Drake, of the Southern Railway, W. H. Rhett and E. B. Price, of the Central Railroad of Georgia; C. S. Campbell and H. P. Clark, of the Atlantic Coast Line; J. H. McCormack and C. H. Rover, of the Norfolk & Western; A. D. Stebbins and P. L. Mortimer, of the Merchants' and Miners' Transportation Company, and W. H. Chandler, of the Ocean Steamship Company.

A DEPLORABLE ACCIDENT.

A Train Strikes a Wagon Containing Ten Persons—All Killed But One.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., Feb. 24.—About 4 o'clock this afternoon, on the Southern Railway, four miles from this city, the incoming passenger train No. 7, travelling at a high speed, struck a covered country wagon which was trying to clear the tracks ahead of the train at Avondale crossing. The wagon was hit squarely in the center, and with its ten occupants hurled high in the air. The occupants were Mrs. W. J. Woodward, her eight children and one grandchild, all of whom, with one exception, were killed. The dead are Mrs. Wm. J. Woodward, Mrs. Lizzie Woodward Montgomery, a married daughter, aged 20, with two infant daughters; Geo. T. Woodward, aged 28; Delia Woodward, aged 18; Mary Woodward, aged 15; Daisy Woodward, aged 10.

The last two named lingered several hours after the accident. A striking feature of the catastrophe is that no limbs were broken, but in nearly every case the skulls of the victims were crushed to fragments, each body seeming to describe an ellipse through the air and falling on its head.

AMERICANS ARRESTED IN CUBA

No Instructions from the Government as to What Steps Shall be Taken in Their Cases.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

HAVANA, Feb. 24.—The case of Dr. Ricardo Ruiz, the American citizen who was found dead under suspicious circumstances in his cell in the prison at Guanabacoa, where he had been confined for some time in a state of incommunicado, led to the request by Consul General Lee for the release from similar confinement of Mr. Charles Franklin Scott, another American who was arrested on the 8th instant, which request was granted by the authorities. The cases of Dr. Ruiz and Mr. Scott gave rise to the contention on the part of the United States Consul General that American citizens cannot under the treaty between the United States and Spain be imprisoned incommunicado longer than seventy-two hours. No instructions have been received from the Washington Government by Consul General Lee as to what steps shall be taken regarding these cases.

MARYLAND LABEL LAW.

A Number of Canners and Packers Found Guilty of Violating Its Provisions.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 24.—A number of Baltimore canners and packers were today found guilty of violating the Maryland Label law requiring that all canned goods should bear the name and address of the packers. The prosecution was at the instance of the California Fruit Growers' Association. Mr. Walter, who represented the Pacific coast fruiters, said that the case was important, as the West is being flooded with Maryland canned fruit bearing California labels. The Baltimore firms involved will move for a new trial and, failing therein, will carry the case to the Court of Appeals. The penalty for violating the label law is a fine of from $50 to $1,000 for each offence.

President Cleveland yesterday issued his proclamation convening the Senate in extra session at noon on March 4th, to participate in the inauguration of the new President of the United States and to confirme his Cabinet.

The German American Bank of Tonawanda has closed its doors, and State Superintendent of Banks, Frederick D. Kilburn has taken possession. Superintendent Kilburn, says all the depositors will be paid in full. The bank has a capital of $100,000 and deposits of $400,000

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OHIO DEMOCRACY.

Efforts to be Made to Elect a Free Silver Senator.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 24.—Arrangements are being made for a thorough stumping tour in Ohio by Wm. J. Bryan in the coming campaign for the election of the Legislature that will choose the successor to Marcus A. Hanna in the U. S. Senate. Mr. Bryan, if he decides to come, will work in the interest of John R. McLean, who will be the candidate of the Democrats for Senator. The Democratic leaders in Ohio believe that by hard work and good management a free silver Senator can be secured here. They will rely largely upon the dissatisfaction which they expect to follow the appointment of Mr. Hanna to the Senate, and will appear in the Republican vote next Fall.

WARM WIRELETS.

Treasury balances: Coin, $128,287,619, currency, $59,856,622.

Senator Wolcott left London for home yesterday. He expressed himself as being well satisfied with the results of his visit to Europe and was very hopeful of being able to organize an international monetary conference.

Twenty tons of nitro glycerin exploded at Nobles, Explovive factory, at Stevenson, Eng., yesterday morning, killing six persons. The shock was tremendous beyond description. All the windows in a railroad train a dozen miles away were smashed.

Fire yesterday at Oswego, N. Y. destroyed the Ringland House, and a dozen contiguous business houses. The hotel was full of guests who were rescued by the fireman and police from the windows. It is believed all escaped.

The Daughters of the American Revolution yesterday morning in their congress formulated plans for building a hall 200 by 200 feet on the Monument lot in Washington City and raised about $25,000 to start the work. A bill to give them the site has passed the Senate, and it is expected to pass the House before the close of the session.

Mrs Jackson, the mother of Scott Jackson, will go to Frankfort this week to plead with Governor Bradley for her son's It is said that Mrs. Jackson has urged her son Scott to make a full confession. It is believed Mrs Jackson will be granted a private conference with her son and that he will make a full confession.

J. M. Powell, wood dealer at Columbia, S. C., yesterday shot and killed C. W. Sloan, a young man in the same business. They had quarrelled about some business matter. Stories are conflicting as to who fired the first shot. Powell was arrested by the police and is in jail. To night the coroner's jury found a verdict against Powell.

Training the Young.

It is only by love and gentleness and undoubted confidence that a child can be taught to find real enjoyment in extra cares, says Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher. Exact it as a duty, sternly command it, watch with constant suspicion and fault finding, as labor is a drudgery and cares of any kind a terror to the young. The child either becomes stubborn, or if timid and loving is so nervously fearful of being blamed that this very fear insures the dreaded results.

Ah, if young mothers could know how many hours of self reproach the grandmothers pass when they look back to the time when their little ones were about them, and see too late how many mistakes they made, simply by their own impatience, own strictness and lack of confidence in their children's desire to do right, it might save them from much regret and their children from many temptations.

Children's Ears.

If the infant's ears show a mulish tendency to stand out from the head, something should be done about it, especially if the child be a boy. Caps can be purchased for the purpose of confining too prominent ears and keeping them close to the head. They are rather expensive, but one that will answer the purpose can be made at home. Take a strip of muslin about three inches wide, press it over the ears and cut it the right length to meet beneath the chin. Fasten a band to it across the back of the head, another at the nape of the neck and a third across the forehead. Tie the cap with strings under the chin. It should be worn at night.

Wash Skirts.

The silk skirt is no longer the necessity it threatened to become last year. Lace trimmed white skirts and fancy colored ones, all of washable material, are making rapid strides for summer favor. Yellow linen, with lace to match, and black lawn, strikingly set off with white valenciennes, are most in demand and may be purchased for something less than $3. They are all flounced and of umbrella shape, which means that they are of a width calculated to accommodate themselves to the wide gown now in vogue.—New York Journal.

Continuous Dusting.

A housekeeper asserts that her banister rail was always dusty till she had the happy thought to make two unobtrusively pretty bags of dark denim, one of which she hung just behind the newel post of her staircase and the other on the landing where the rail fitted against the wall. Each holds its old silk handkerchief as duster, and "every time," she says, "I or my maid go up or down we take one out and use it on the hand rail, dropping it in the bag at the other end. By this means the dusting goes on forever."

The Passing of the Napkin Ring.

In "A Mortal Antipathy" Dr. Holmes wrote of people who were among those who live nicely but still use napkin rings, making a distinct class of them. There are still fewer of these people than when that was penned some ten years since. The napkin ring has almost entirely disappeared, although in most homes it still is regarded as impossible to supply fresh napkins for each meal. The napkins are, however, left on the table from meal to meal at each place and changed as often as may be.

A Woman's Neck.

There is as much character in a woman's neck as in her face or hands. If it is round, white and perfectly shaped, the hair should be arranged to reveal it entirely, but sometimes it is as much a composite as the face, the front or throat revealing a softness and roundness of contour, but the back being disfigured by a deep hollow at the base of the skull. This characteristic denotes strength of physique, moral and mental endurance. The deeper the cleft the greater the degree of either quality.

Sympathy With Children.

We paralyze the spirit of investigation by indifference to the child's questions, clip the wings of imagination by not responding to its poetic fancies, kill artistic effort by scorning its crude results and freeze sympathy by coldness to its appeal. Thus remaining an alien to the child's life and forcing upon it a life that is foreign, we sow in weak natures the seeds of formalism and hypocrisy and so antagonize the strong natures that we tempt them to become intellectual and moral outlaws.

A Glove Case.

A case for gloves and neckties is of electric or other cloth lined with cream colored silk brocaded with tiny rosebuds. The edges of the cloth are pinked, and on the outside of the case is a design of a pair of gloves and a tie crossed. These are worked in outline embroidery. The case is about 27 inches in length and 18 inches broad. Inside it is divided into three pockets, with flaps that fasten over and hold the contents secure.

Two Wives.

"Yes," he sadly faltered, "my wife left my bed and board."

"And mine," bitterly rejoined the other, "didn't leave a thing."—Detroit Tribune.

A Hint.

He—Nice dog, very! Have you taught it any new tricks since I was here last?

She (sweetly)—Yes; it will fetch your hat if you whistle.—London Tit-Bits.

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If in the enjoyment of good health, and the system is regular, laxatives or other remedies are then not needed. If afflicted with any actual disease, one may be commended to the most skillful physicians, but if in need of a laxative, one should have the best, and with the well-informed everywhere, Syrup of Figs stands highest and is most largely used and gives most general satisfaction.

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Old Breezeland Rye.
Pure native North Carolina Mountain Corn Whiskey.
Apple and Peach Brandy.
At low prices. Give us a call.

SOL. BEAR,

No. 18 Market Street,

dec 23 tf Wilmington, N. C.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

OPENING OF THE

Excelsior Shoe Store.

We beg to announce we will open to day a

First Class Shoe Store

in the Pearsall Building, corner Fourth and Campbell streets, where we will keep GOOD RELIABLE SHOES.

New Store! New Stock!!

UP-TO-DATE AND RELIABLE.

Respectfully,

EXCELSIOR SHOE STORE.

LEVI McMILLAN, Manager. Corner Fourth and Campbell streets.

PETERSON & RULFS, Proprietors.

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Linens, Embroideries

LACES AND GLOVES

Will have special showing this week at

A. D. BROWN'S,

Successor to Brown & Roddick,

No. 29 North Front St

A beautiful line of all Linen Napkins, extra value, at $1 per dozen.

Just ten dozen of the $1.25 Napkins left.

503 yards Unbleached Damask, 60 inches wide, at 50 cents per yard.

White as snow Damask Doylies. Special values at 35c, 50c, $1 25, $1.50 and $2.50 per dozen.

Have you seen that big Huck Towel for 15c each.

Huck Towel No. 603 at 10 cents is worth your inspection.

A beautiful double hemstitched Huck Towel at 25 cents each.

Bath Towels 25 and 35 cents.

Pure Irish Linen for Fancy Work.

The best $1 Kid Glove ever shown in the city o Wilmington for 75c a pair.

Silk Gloves 25 cents for only 15 cents.

The ladies are invited to examine the one minute Hair Curlers—brass finished, strong, durable, tidy, last forever, quick, easy to apply, uniform, sure, neat, do not loosen, 25c per dozen.

A fine 75 cent Black Corset for 50c a pair.

We are will offering what we have left of those 50c Corsets at 35c a pair.

Nubia Rugs $1.50 each.

Japanese Jute Rugs, 3x6, only $1.25 each.

Japanese Jute Rugs—Sizes 9x12, 10x13-8, 12x15.

10 per cent. discount on all Woolen Underwear.

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Guaranteed as Advertised.

Bargains In Dry Goods This Week

Read these prices, it may pay you:

Sea Island Sheeting, 1 yard wide, at 4c; Pee Dee Plaids, new styles, at 4c; Fruit of the Loom, 4-4 Bleaching, at 7c; Palmer Mills Bleaching, 1 yard wide, at 6c; Columbus Bleaching, 1 yard wide, at 5c. The very best Dress Ginghams at 5c; 800 pieces of new style and best Calicoes at 5c per yard; 500 yards Percale, 1 yard wide, at 5½c to close; 5 pieces of fine Sea Island Percale at 12½c. A big line of fine Cashmeres, 36 inches wide, in F. F., Black, at 25c per yard, the best Cashmere made at that price; fine Black and Blue Serge, 44 inches, all wool, at 35c per yard.

Remember the line of fine Dotted Swiss at 12½c, 30 inches wide. Black Brocaded Sateen at 10 and 12½c per yard; splendid colored Sateen, looks like silk, in light colors for evening dresses, at 15c per yard. Drapery Goods of all kinds—beautiful gold tinted, different colors, at 10c, worth 15 cents.

White Marseilles Bed Spreads at 50, 75c and $1.00, a very nice line. The best Bed Ticking, warranted feather proof, at 12½c; splendid Ticking at 8 and 10c.

Sheets, unbleached, hemstitched 10 4, nice goods at 50c each; Bleached 90x9 inches square, heavy hemstitched, at 60c each, fine goods; Pillow Cases to match 2 for 25c or 1 for 15c.

CLOTHING—Just received a nice stock of Clothing at a very low price, bought for the cash and they must go. Fine heavy Scotch Cheviot, nicely made, all wool, worth $7 50, now $5.50. Fine Gray Clay Worsted, handsomely made at $7.00 a Suit, worth $10.00. Black Clay Worsted Suits, worth $8 50 and $11 00, my cash price $7.00 and $8 00. To show you this Clothing you will find it the cheapest lot of nice Clothing in the city. A very nice line of all wool Suits for $5 00. We have Men's Pants, all kinds, prices from 45c a pair to $3 00 a pair.

SHOES—We have received a big supply of new Shoes at hard times prices. We can fit your feet with nice neat fine Dongola Pat. Tip Ladies' Shoes from 3's to 7's for $1.00 a pair, nice honest Shoes and very pretty goods. Our line at $1.25 for ladies and gentlemen is very nice and wear well. If you need Shoes at any price come and see us.

HOSE—Gent's Fast Black well made Hose at 10 and 15c per pair.

Come and see us at 119 North Front street, opposite the Orton Hotel.

Geo. O. Gaylord, Prop.,

feb 21 tf Of Wilmington's Big Racket Store.

J. W. NORWOOD, President. H. WALTERS, Vice President

GEO. SLOAN, Cashier.

Wilmington Savings & Trust Company.

Capital $25,000. Surplus $6,000.

Interest paid at rate of 4 per cent. per annum compounded quarterly on all savings deposited in this Company, which is the strongest strictly Savings Bank in North Carolina. We paid depositors over $8,000 in interest within the past year. Did you get any of that money? feb 21 tf

ATLANTIC NATIONAL BANK,

WILMINGTON, N. C.

Capital $125,000. Surplus $62,500

Prompt and accurate attention given to all business, special attention to out of town accounts. All customers desiring to borrow on good security supplied at lowest rates.

Safety Deposit Boxes to rent in the strongest vault in this section. feb 21 tf

REMNANTS! REMNANTS!

Remnants of 10c Bleaching, 6¾c.
Remnants of 7c Unbleaching, 5c.
Remnants of 10c Ribbons, 5.
Remnants of 15c Ribbons, 9c.
Remnants of 25c Ribbons, 14c.
Remnants of Dress Goods one-half regular price.
Remnants of Carpets, pretty styles, splendid for Rugs, less than cost.
Few Capes and Jackets,